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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Supervised Research Project

Reference	LL4001	Version	1
Created	March 2020	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	June 2020	SCQF Points	15
Amended		ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with the opportunity to undertake a piece of supervised, independent in-depth research into a specific area or issue of legal interest and to apply the full range of associated research skills required to produce a short dissertation. To demonstrate skills of analysis, critical evaluation, reflection, logical argument and communication.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate rigour in the analysis of information from primary and/or secondary sources and in the synthesis and interpretation of concepts and legal issues.
- 2 Plan and write a short dissertation which demonstrates a logical consistency in approach and structure, and critical evaluation of theory, process, and outcomes.

Indicative Module Content

The student will work independently but under supervision to prepare a short dissertation on an approved topic of their choice. The content is developed dialectically between the student and the supervisor.

Module Delivery

No fewer than 3 and no more than 5 one to one supervision meetings

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	10	10
Non-Contact Hours	140	140
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 20% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2

Description: Component 1: A coherent research proposal of around 1000 words, reflecting the theme and key content of the project, and including an annotated bibliography 20%

Component 2

Type: Coursework Weighting: 80% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2

Description: Component 2: Students will undertake a short dissertation of no more than 5000 words

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The Module is assessed by two components: C1 - Coursework (research proposal) - 20% weighting. C2 - Coursework (written coursework) - 80% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	70% or above
B	60% - 69%
C	50% - 59%
D	40% - 49%
E	35% - 39%
F	0% - 34%
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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