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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Media Law

Reference	LLM128	Version	1
Created	January 2022	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	June 2018	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 2021	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To enable students to understand how the law impacts on journalism, exploring the role of key legal institutions and their constraints on media activity.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Analyse and evaluate the basic structure and power of the Scottish legal system.
- 2 Analyse and justify the process of court reporting identifying relevant proceedings, terminology, restrictions and defences.
- 3 Critically compare and discuss how other legal forums operate including hearings and tribunals and any limitations on reporting that apply.
- 4 Identify and critically discuss key issues relating to official secrets, interdicts, elections and the role and code of practice of the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO) and OFCOM.

Indicative Module Content

The structure of Scottish legal system; restrictions on reporting proceedings in civil and criminal courts; tribunals, fatal accident inquiries and children's hearings; official secrets; election law; IPSO.

Module Delivery

This will be delivered in a series of lectures supported by tutorials.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	36
Non-Contact Hours	114	114
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:	50%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2
Description:	2000 word essay that critically examines aspects of Court Reporting (50%)				

Component 2

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	50%	Outcomes Assessed:	3, 4
Description:	2000 word essay that critically examines aspects of General Reporting (50%)				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

The calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 50% weighting of C1 and 50% weighting of C2 components. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module.

		Coursework:						NS
		A	B	C	D	E	F	
Coursework:	A	A	A	B	B	C	E	
	B	A	B	B	C	C	E	
	C	B	B	C	C	D	E	
	D	B	C	C	D	D	E	
	E	C	C	D	D	E	E	
	F	E	E	E	E	E	F	
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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