

Module Title An Introduction To Law and Politics in Social Work	Reference SS1007 SCQF SCQF Level 7 SCQF Points 15 ECTS Points 7.5 Created May 2002
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Prerequisites for Module

None, in addition to course entry requirements.

Corequisite Modules

None.

Precluded Modules

None.

Aims of Module

To provide the student with the ability to understand the legal system of Scotland and the law relating to parent and child, and to understand Scottish politics in relation to the main Scottish, UK-wide and European political institutions, structures and processes and their relevance to

The specific child centred components of the module reflect the knowledge requirements within the Key Capabilities in Child Care and Protection (Scottish Executive, 2006)

Indicative Student Workload

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
Lectures	24
Seminars	24

<i>Directed Study</i>	44
<i>Private Study</i>	58

Mode of Delivery

This course is based on lecture and seminar group discussion.

the development and implementation of social policies and social work.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

1. Describe the Scottish Criminal Legal System.
2. Outline the law on parent and child.
3. Identify the main Local Government, Scottish, UK and European political institutions and understand their powers and functions in relation to political ideology and social work.

Indicative Module Content

The Scottish Courts and legal personnel. Parentage and Parental responsibilities and rights. Adoption and Fostering. The main Scottish and UK-wide parliamentary institutions, political party structures and underpinning ideology. Cabinet system, pressure groups. Electoral systems plurality and proportional systems. Scottish devolution in relation to social policy and social work. Scottish Local Government, the main European Union Institutions.

Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	3
Component 2	1,2

Learning Outcome 3 is assessed by an essay

Learning Outcomes 1 and 2 are assessed by an unseen exam

Indicative Bibliography

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