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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

An Introduction To Law and Politics in Social Work

Reference	SS1007	Version	8
Created	August 2019	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	June 2002	SCQF Points	15
Amended	July 2020	ECTS Points	7.5

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 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 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 political structures and processes. Scottish political systems in relation to social policy and social work. Scottish Local Government, the main European Union Institutions. Reflects the knowledge, skills and professional confidence and competence requirements around engagement with public protection.

Module Delivery

This course is based on lecture and seminar group discussion.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	48	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	102	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<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:	3
Description:	Learning outcome 3 is assessed by an essay				

Component 2

Type:	Examination	Weighting:	50%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2
Description:	Learning outcome 1 and 2 are assessed by an examination				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

This Module is assessed by two components: a law exam and a politics essay. Both components contribute equally to the final aggregated grade.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	AA, AB
B	BB, BC, AC, AD
C	CC, CD, BD
D	DD
E	AE, BE, CE, DE, EE
F	AF, BF, CF, DF, EF, FF
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None, in addition to course entry requirements.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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