

# **MODULE DESCRIPTOR**

### **Module Title**

Professionalism Ethics And Values For Paralegals

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| Reference | LL1003         | Version     | 1      |
| Created   | August 2022    | SCQF Level  | SCQF 7 |
| Approved  | September 2023 | SCQF Points | 30     |
| Amended   |                | ECTS Points | 15     |

#### **Aims of Module**

The module aims to help paralegal manage professional risk environment and issues of ethics, conduct and the regulatory constraints around paralegal practice.

### **Learning Outcomes for Module**

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

- 1 Recognise the specific ethical issues and requirements on paralegals
- 2 Outline the general regulatory environment as it impacts on paralegals
- 3 Describe the ethical and regulatory environment for the legal profession as a whole

### **Indicative Module Content**

The module provides an overview of the ethical and regulatory requirements of the overall legal profession, and any analogous roles and places the paralegal within that. It also covers the overall regulatory environment for paralegals and includes topics such as (1) Ethics in paralegal practice (2) (3) the regulatory requirements of paralegal practice (4) information integrity (5) equality and diversity and (6) governance in practice

# **Module Delivery**

Materials will be delivered in the University's online learning environment. Formative activities such as forum postings and online quizzes will help prompt learning reflection as a foundation for discussion in online live tutorials. Students will be encouraged to engage with how the materials being taught are evidence and embedded in their work based practice and this will be discussed and captured in the ways outlined above, and through the assessment. These materials will be supplemented by Law Society supported materials where appropriate.

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| Indicative Student Workload                                           | Full Time | Part Time |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Contact Hours                                                         | N/A       | 22        |
| Non-Contact Hours                                                     | N/A       | 100       |
| Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours             |           | 178       |
| TOTAL                                                                 | N/A       | 300       |
| Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body |           | 10        |

### **ASSESSMENT PLAN**

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

# Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3

Description:

Coursework in the form of a portfolio capturing the student's reflections on their learning and

analysis of the relevant material, and its application to the role of a paralegal.

### **Component 2**

Type: Practical Exam Weighting: 0% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3

Description: Participation Requirement to ensure students engage with and develop underlying knowledge and

skills. Details in Performance Descriptor.

### MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

# **Explanatory Text**

Components 1 bears 100% of the grade required to generate the module grade. Component 2 is a participation requirement with each student normally required to complete interactive activities in this module and attend and participate in at least 4 out of the 6 synchronous online tutorial sessions. Non-submission of component 1 or non-completion of the participation competences in component 2 will result in an NS grade. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module.

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| Module Grade | Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:                                  |  |
| Α            | A:Pass                                                                         |  |
| В            | B:Pass                                                                         |  |
| С            | C:Pass                                                                         |  |
| D            | D:Pass                                                                         |  |
| E            | E:Pass                                                                         |  |
| F            | F:Pass                                                                         |  |
| 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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# **INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

None.