

# Module Descriptor

<b>Module Title</b>	Criminal Law
<b>Course Title</b>	LLB (Hons) Law, LLB (Hons) Business Law, LLB (Hons) Criminal Law, LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology. BSc (Hons) Criminology with Law
<b>School</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ASC <input type="checkbox"/> ACI <input type="checkbox"/> BEA <input type="checkbox"/> BUS <input type="checkbox"/> ENG <input type="checkbox"/> HSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LSS
<b>Division</b>	Law
<b>Parent Course (if applicable)</b>	LLB (Hons) Law
<b>Level</b>	5
<b>Semester</b>	1
<b>Module Code (showing level)</b>	Law_5_CRI
<b>JACS Code (completed by the QA)</b>	
<b>Credit Value</b>	20 credit points
<b>Student Study Hours</b>	Contact hours: 48 Student managed learning hours: 152 Placement hours: N/a
<b>Pre-requisite Learning</b>	None
<b>Co-requisites</b>	None
<b>Excluded combinations</b>	None
<b>Module co-ordinator</b>	TBC
<b>Short Description (max. 100 words)</b>	The Criminal Law module introduces students to the core principles of Criminal law; the key criminal offences and defences. <b>Topics covered include:</b> Principles; Harm; Fault (and the denial of fault); Homicide Voluntary; Homicide Involuntary; Offences Against the Person; Sexual Offences; Theft, Fraud and Criminal Damage; Justification; Participation; and Preparation <b>The module explores:</b> concepts, contextual analysis, incremental development, rationales, reform and sources. <b>Knowledge and skills:</b> are taught and/or developed in relation to argumentation, communication, evaluation and problem solving. <b>Assessment:</b> Through a mix of applied knowledge testing; application of the law to problems and critical evaluation of the law.
<b>Aims</b>	This module aims to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide students with a broad knowledge of the general doctrines and principles of criminal liability and an understanding of the protection afforded by the criminal law to persons and property;</li> <li>• Develop students' ability to understand, engage in analysis and evaluation of both statute law and the decisions of the courts;</li> <li>• Enable students to analyse, evaluate and apply the law to complex factual scenarios; and</li> <li>• Develop student's skills to communicate clearly and precisely and evaluate information that is presented to them. Recognising the opposing views of defence and prosecution as to the likely criminal liability arising from simulated and real case studies.</li> </ul>
<b>Learning Outcomes (4 to 6 outcomes)</b>	At the end of the module students will be able to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the key principles of Criminal Law;</li> <li>2. Evaluate the operation of the general principles of criminal liability in the context of specific offences; and</li> </ol>

	3. Analyse complicated problems in complex factual situations and evaluate whether specific offences have been committed.
<b>Employability</b>	Students may utilise the knowledge gained in order to become a paralegal or outdoor clerk and could, thus, prove useful in terms of employability within a law firm. The course provides a sound basis for students who want to undertake work in criminal law as a solicitor or as a barrister. Additionally, the skills of analysis, evaluation and communication are skills that are transferable to many other areas of employment.
<b>Teaching and learning pattern</b>	Contact hours includes the following: (please click on the checkboxes as appropriate) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lectures <input type="checkbox"/> Group Work: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial: <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Practical <input type="checkbox"/> VLE Activities
<b>Indicative content</b>	01 Principles of Criminal Law 02 Actus Reus: Harm, Omissions and Causation 03 Mens Rea: Culpability and Responsibility 04 Homicide: Voluntary 05 Homicide: Involuntary 06 Offences against the person 07 Sexual Offences 08 Theft and Fraud Act 09 Defences: Fault 10 Defences: Justification <u>Self Study Not Assessed</u> 11. Accessorial Liability 12. Inchoate Liability
<b>Assessment method (Please give details – of components, weightings, sequence of components, final component)</b>	<b><u>Formative Assessment</u></b> Skills for the summative assessment will be embedded throughout formative and feedback opportunities in seminars, workshops, MCT quizzes on the VLE and revision sessions. These will include MCTs, problem style scenarios and evaluation style scenarios which will be incorporated into Seminars. <b><u>Summative Assessment</u></b> <b><u>CW1 70% Written Assignment</u></b> <b>2450 Word Count</b> <b>e.g. Practical Problem Style Advice; and/or Advise the Minister style Evaluation.</b> <i>At least 21 Days from Release to Submission</i> <b><u>CW2 30% Multiple Choice Test (MCT)</u></b> 30 Questions (Qs) Each with 5 Options. On the Day Format e.g. Completed Online Via Moodle releases at 10:00. Completion within 60 minutes (DDS Extension 90 minutes). EC's allows a resit at the next sit (e.g.S1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sit April).
<b>Mode of resit assessment (if applicable)</b>	<b><u>CW1 70% Written Assignment</u></b> Same assessment method, fresh content <b><u>CW2 30% Multiple Choice Test (MCT)</u></b> Same assessment method
<b>Indicative Sources (Reading lists)</b>	<b>Core Texts</b> <b><u>Core Textbook- Loveless, Allen and Derry :</u></b> <b><u>Loveless, J; Allen, M; and Derry, C; Complete Criminal Law, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (Oxford University Press 2022) LINKED</u></b> <b><u>Optional Further Advanced Textbook- Ormerod:</u></b> Ormerod DC, Laird K and Smith JC, Smith, Hogan, & Ormerod's

	<p><u>Criminal Law (Sixteenth edition, Oxford University Press 2021)</u>  <u>LINKED</u>  <b>Optional Reading</b>  #Ashworth's Principles of Criminal Law  Book by Jeremy Horder 2022  Available via OUP Law Trove  #Smith, Hogan, and Ormerod's Text, Cases, and Materials on Criminal Law  Book by David Ormerod; Karl Laird 2022  <b>Discount from OUP</b>  <b><u>STEP 1 GO TO LINK</u></b>  <b><u>STEP 2 ADD THE BOOK TO YOUR BASKET</u></b>  <b><u>STEP 3 AT CHECK OUT INSERT PROMOTION CODE</u></b>  <b><u>WEBXSTU96</u></b> This will mean you have a 25% Discount</p> <p><b>JOURNALS:</b>  Criminal Law Review [Crim LR-1986 onwards online via Westlaw]  Journal of Criminal Law [JCL TBC onwards Online via SAGE]  Law Quarterly Review [LQR-1885 onwards online via Westlaw]  Modern Law Review [MLR- 1966 available online via Lexis]</p>
<p><b>Other Learning Resources</b></p>	<p>The module has a companion site on the VLE containing all teaching materials and further reading and resources.</p>