

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	CRIMINAL LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW1222 (L4)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

To introduce students to the primary concepts of criminal responsibility, by reference to specific offences and defences, developing the skills and knowledge base necessary.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

- Core principles of criminal liability - including offences against the person, sex and violence, criminal damage, homicide and dishonesty offences.
- Examination of specified defences including intoxication, loss of control, diminished responsibility and necessity.
- Consideration of liability as both primary and secondary offenders.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Identify and define criminal law offences and defences in a given factual scenario and apply the law to the facts.
2. Explain criminal law statutes and cases
3. Provide examples of difficulties arising from the application and development of contemporary problems in criminal law.
4. Demonstrate skills of expression, research, and communicate in an evidenced and well-structured manner.

TEACHING METHODS

Campus delivery will be organised around lectures and workshops. Lectures will introduce new legal ideas and concepts and build an outline of the structure of legal rules and principles. Further reading of cases and statutes in secondary and primary legal sources will consolidate and expand the breadth of knowledge and depth of understanding. Small group workshops will allow students to test their level and range of understanding and reflect formatively on areas of strength and weakness. Workshops will also develop and support general legal techniques and skills in support of legal reading, analysis, writing, drafting and note taking, legal problem solving through IRAC type techniques, as well as test formative knowledge and understanding. Summative assessment will focus on the accuracy of synoptic knowledge across the whole syllabus and evaluate legal problem solving skills and the ability to create structured legal arguments that draw reasoned conclusions through factual scenarios that raise key legal issues from the syllabus. Module support materials (lecture outlines lecture recordings, Office Mix presentations, Power-points slides, workshop questions, cases, case materials, technique and skills materials, exemplar assessments) will be located on a dedicated module virtual learning environment, which will also be used as the repository for assessment submission, student communication, and e-discussion boards.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through one Examination and one Written coursework.