

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	CRIMINAL LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW2502 (L5)	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 and by reference to specific offences, to further develop the skills and knowledge base necessary to the understanding of criminal law and to enable students to critically assess the current state of criminal law and to evaluate proposals for reform.

MODULE CONTENT

This module will consider:

- Elements of a crime – Actus Reus and Mens Rea
- Criminal damage
- Non-fatal offences against the person
- Murder : manslaughter
- General defences
- Inchoates and Accessories
- Introduction to Offences of Dishonesty

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Demonstrate a sound understanding of the areas of substantive law covered in this module
 2. Apply knowledge of the criminal law principles to hypothetical factual scenarios
 3. Analyse and interpret criminal law statutes and cases
 4. Evaluate the legal and moral problems arising from the application and development of contemporary problems in criminal law
 5. Evaluate and assess proposals for reform of the criminal law
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TEACHING METHODS

The module is delivered by means of lectures and seminars. The primary object of the lectures is to provide an outline of the subject matter and a framework for its understanding which students can use as a base for their independent study directed to the requirements of the seminars. The students build upon their understanding gained in the lecture session by reading specified cases, articles and appropriate textbooks in preparation for the seminars. The aims and learning outcomes of each individual seminar are clearly set out and students are encouraged to consider the short, self-help questions before taking the activities set for the group discussion. The seminars will be interactive and will incorporate a range of teaching and learning strategies including quizzes, debates, presentations, individual work, teamwork and other learning activities as appropriate.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a written assignment and an examination.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English