

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CRIMINAL LAW
Status: Definitive
Code: **4000LAWPL** (108012)
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 24 **Total Delivered Hours:** 50
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 190

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	28
Seminar	12
Tutorial	8

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay	25	
Essay	AS2	Problem-solving exercise	25	
Exam	AS3	Examination	50	2

Aims

To provide an awareness and critical account of the general principles, policies and doctrines underpinning both the creation and negation of criminal liability, and the

*operation and interpretation of substantive offences.
To provide a critical analysis of a selective range of substantive criminal offences in their socio-legal context.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate the ability to identify and evaluate the basic concepts, values, principles and rules by which liability for criminal behaviour is imposed
- 2 Demonstrate the ability to explain and assess the legal content and social, political and ethical context of criminal law, including proposals for reform
- 3 Demonstrate the ability to apply gained legal knowledge to complex problems, to evaluate this application and draw logical conclusions supported by legal argument and authority
- 4 Demonstrate the ability to undertake basic research skills as an independent learner
- 5 Demonstrate the ability to use appropriate legal terminology, structure and language in writing

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay 1	1	2	4	5
Essay 2	1	3	4	5
EXAM	1	2	3	5

Outline Syllabus

Introduction: nature of criminal law; Actus Reus, Mens Rea, contemporaneity and strict liability.

Parties and participation: Principal Offender and secondary parties.

General defences: infancy, automatism, voluntary and involuntary intoxication, self defence, necessity and duress.

Inchoate offences: encouraging and assisting crime, conspiracy, attempts.

Fatal Offences against the Person: murder, voluntary and involuntary manslaughter.

Non-fatal Offences Against the Person: Assaults, consent and main harassment offences.

Reform

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars, self-directed learning, coursework research and preparation, exam revision

Notes

An examination and critical evaluation of the basic principles upon which English criminal law is based. A critique of the rules which create and negate criminal responsibility. A critical analysis of the doctrinal rules and policies underpinning a selection of substantive criminal offences, with a particular emphasis on the identification and application of concepts in their socio-legal context.