

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CRIMINAL LAW  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5002LAWPL** (108032)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5      **Credit Value:** 24.00      **Total Delivered Hours:** 42.00

**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 198

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	28.000
Seminar	12.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Coursework Essay	25.0	
Essay	AS2	Coursework Problem	25.0	
Exam	AS3	Examination	50.0	2.00

### 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 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 critically 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 research of primary and secondary sources, 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	2	4	5
Essay	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 Offenders and secondary parties.*

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

*Inchoate offences: incitement, conspiracy and 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, tutorials, seminars, self-directed learning, coursework research and preparation, exam revision

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Allen, M
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2009
<b>Title</b>	Criminal Law
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	10th
<b>Publisher</b>	OUP
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Simester, A & Sullivan, G
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2010
<b>Title</b>	Criminal Law
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	4th
<b>Publisher</b>	Hart
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Smith, J & Hogan, B
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2008
<b>Title</b>	Criminal Law
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	12th
<b>Publisher</b>	OUP
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Herring, J
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2010
<b>Title</b>	Criminal Law. Text, Cases and Materials
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	4th
<b>Publisher</b>	OUP
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Jefferson, M
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2009
<b>Title</b>	Criminal Law
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	9th
<b>Publisher</b>	Pearson

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## 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