

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: ELEMENTS OF CRIMINAL LAW
Status: Definitive
Code: **5003CRIM** (114371)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 12.00
Total Delivered Hours: 26.00
Total Learning Hours: 120
Private Study: 94

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Runs Twice - S1 & S2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	18.000
Seminar	6.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	2 hr examination	100.0	2.00

Aims

1. To provide a critical introduction to the basic principles of criminal liability.
2. To evaluate the operation of a selection of substantive offences.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically appreciate the basic principles underlying the creation of criminal liability.

- 2 Examine the construction of distinctions between crimes and other socially harmful behaviour
- 3 Identify and utilise specific methods of legal reasoning via statutory interpretation and case-law analysis.
- 4 Assess the operation of general principles in a range of substantive offences.
- 5 Critically apply legal principles to a range of hypothetical and factual situations.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2 hr EXAM 1 2 3 4 5

Outline Syllabus

Outline of criminal courts, sources of criminal law, and judge and jury.

Basic Principles: actus reus, mens rea and parties.

General defences.

Inchoate offences.

Offences against the person (fatal and non-fatal)

Property offences.

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminar workshops, independent research and coursework preparation.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Allen M
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Criminal Law
Subtitle	
Edition	9th Edition
Publisher	Oxford: Blackstone.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Ashworth, A. & Redmayne, M.
Publishing Year	2005
Title	The Criminal Process.
Subtitle	
Edition	3rd Edition.
Publisher	Oxford, Oxford University Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Elliott, C. & Quinn, F.
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Criminal Law
Subtitle	
Edition	6th Edition
Publisher	Harlow, Longman.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Herring, J.
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Criminal Law
Subtitle	
Edition	5th Edition
Publisher	Basingstoke, Palgrave.
ISBN	

Notes

A critical introduction to the principles determining criminal liability, and their interpretation and application.