

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Advanced Criminal Law: Theory and Practice
Status: Definitive
Code: **6029LAWCJ** (128575)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021
Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 44
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 156

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Seminar	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	4500 word essay critically analysing one or more criminal law theorists' ideas	100	

Aims

This module aims to give students who have already studied the general and specific part of criminal law a deeper theoretical understanding of the principles and values influencing criminal law in England today, through the in-depth study of key writers and thinkers in the criminal law field.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate advanced and critical knowledge of the work of key theorists in the field of criminal law
- 2 Critically analyse the roles played by the work of key criminal law theorists in current criminal law decision-making
- 3 Draw upon critical analysis of criminal law theorists' ideas to gain a deep, theoretically-informed understanding of the current and future values and boundaries of the criminal law

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

4500 word essay	1	2	3
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Outline Syllabus

Thinking critically about criminalisation and the criminal law

Theoretical models of the criminal law and its values

Key thinkers in criminal law I: the liberal positivists (Glanville Williams and JC Smith)

Key thinkers in criminal law II: back to the future (George Fletcher)

Key thinkers in criminal law III: the emergence of Marxism and critical legal studies (Mark Kelman)

Key thinkers in criminal law IV: critical realism, history and the critique of liberalism (Alan Norrie)

Key thinkers in criminal law V: liberalism and rights (Andrew Ashworth)

Key thinkers in criminal law VI: restoration and regulation (John Braithwaite)

Key thinkers in criminal law VII: criminal law, morality and the community (Antony Duff)

Key thinkers in criminal law VIII: feminist perspectives on criminal law (Ngaire Naffine, Celia Wells and Lucia Zedner)

Key thinkers in criminal law VII: risk, character and governance (Nicola Lacey and Lindsay Farmer)

Linking theoretical ideas on the criminal law to practice: what is criminal law really there for?

Learning Activities

Lectures

Seminars

Notes

This module aims to give students who are already familiar with the general and specific part of criminal law a deeper, more theoretically-informed understanding of the values and principles driving criminal law, which influence criminal law's past,

present and future.