

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Criminal Law 1: Fundamental Concepts & Crimes Against Persons
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	4
4	Module Code	LAW4020

5	Module Overview
<p>Criminal Law 1: Fundamental Concepts & Crimes Against Persons is a core module and part of one of the seven foundations of legal knowledge that must be successfully completed by a law graduate in order to proceed to the next stage of training for entry into the legal profession. The rationale for its inclusion in the LL.B programme is to provide you with a comprehensive overview of common criminal offences against persons and defences under English law, as largely prescribed by domestic statutes and common law (case law). Through this overview, you will develop crucial lawyering skills, namely how to interpret and analyse sources of law in order to solve problems.</p> <p>This module fits in with the programme's philosophy by providing you with foundational legal knowledge and the opportunity to understand and analyse the law through an engagement with 'real life' sources of law and problem scenarios. All activities within the module will be practice-led and aligned to the development of skills that you will need when you enter into the employment field. There will be opportunities to see how English criminal law engages with international legal instruments, such as the Council of Europe's human rights framework. Given the module's focus on criminal liability, it also fits well with one of the programme's core values, namely 'access to justice.' This module also addresses, in the context of the module topics, certain aspects of the English Legal System, including statutory interpretation, and the system of precedent.</p> <p>The module is delivered through weekly lectures and workshops, providing you with the knowledge and skills needed to accomplish the Module Learning Outcomes. We also use the University's prescribed Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), known as Moodle to provide further activities to enable you to expand and enhance the skills acquired in the face to face sessions.</p> <p>This module directly relates to the module Criminal Law 2: Process, Property Crimes & Problem Solving. These two modules share pervasive skills and knowledge.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>Sources of criminal law Judicial Precedent Purpose of criminal law, Actus Reus and Mens Rea Homicide – including murder and manslaughter Partial defences to murder Non-fatal Offences Against the Person</p>	

7	Module Learning Outcomes		
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
	1	Identify how judges interpret statutes prescribing criminal liability.	
	2	Identify legal issues arising in case law and judicial precedent in relation to criminal law issues.	
	3	Demonstrate knowledge of the fundamental concepts and principles of substantive law involving crimes against the person.	
	4	Apply the law to problem based scenarios involving crimes against the person.	

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1, 2, 3, 4		X	

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities		Hours
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable		36
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		36
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams		128
Total Study Hours:		200