

Crime and Law

Module Code:	SAC5008-B
Academic Year:	2018-19
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Social Sciences
Subject Area:	Sociology and Criminology
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 5
Module Leader:	Dr Carole Binns

Additional Tutors:

Pre-requisites:

Co-requisites:

Contact Hours

Type	Hours
Lectures	22
Tutorials	3
Directed Study	172
Examinations DO NOT USE	3

Availability Periods

Occurrence	Location/Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2 (Feb - May)

Module Aims

This module aims to develop your awareness of the purpose, scope and limitations of the English legal system; to develop your understanding of the criminal law and specific crimes and defences available in the criminal law, your ability to analyse and correctly apply principles of criminal law to specific factual scenarios and to appraise the criminal law critically; to provide you with an understanding of the nature of criminal liability and with an awareness of the elements of a crime.

Outline Syllabus

The English legal system, criminal and civil. Definitions of a crime and the classification of offences. The elements of a crime: actus reus and mens rea. Types of liability including strict, vicarious and corporate liability. Types of offence. General defences: automatism, insanity, duress, self-defence, diminished responsibility and intoxication. Elements relating to the Law of Evidence. The relationship between civil and criminal standards of proof. Human Rights issues.

It is not necessarily envisaged that every topic in the syllabus will be covered in every academic year.

Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to...

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 - a) critically examine the principles of criminal liability and the constituent elements of major offences and defences and to critically assess the relationship between the development of criminal law and the legal system;
 - b) recognise the proper application of evidential rules to factual scenarios and appreciate the connections between evidential rules and the legal system.
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 - a) interpret and apply relevant case law and statutes to practical scenarios;
 - b) present reasoned and structured arguments for the reform of criminal law;
 - c) carry out relevant on-line legal research in constructing those arguments;
 - d) demonstrate competency in the use of legal terminology;
 - e) communicate effectively, in written form, the appropriate application of criminal law.
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 - a) demonstrate relevant legal research skills and relevant competencies in IT skills.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Lectures will present overviews of the English legal system and some of the basic principles of English criminal law (LO1a and b). Seminars will be used to explore these in further depth and you will be directed to the topic for discussion (LO1a, LO2a and d). Further directed study for this module requires you to carry out independent reading relevant to the topics covered in the lectures (LO2c and LO3). The exam assesses various learning outcomes (LO1a and b, LO2a, b, d, e, LO3).

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting	Final Assess'
Summative	Examination - open book or seen paper	Seen examination 3 hours	3 hours	100%	Yes

Legacy Code (if applicable)

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Reading List

To view Reading List, please go to [rebus:list](#).