

Module Details	
Module Title:	Criminal Law
Module Code:	LAW5003-B
Academic Year:	2019-20
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Law
Subject Area:	Law
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 5
Pre-requisites:	
Co-requisites:	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	22
Tutorials	15
Directed Study	163

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1 (Sep - Jan)

Module Aims
To enable students to develop a working knowledge and appreciation of the nature of criminal offences, and the ways in which criminal liability may be imposed. To enable students to acquire a knowledge and appreciation of the major criminal offences (to include sexual and non-sexual offences). To enable students to acquire skills in critically evaluating contemporary criminal law and proposals for reform.

Outline Syllabus
The functions of the criminal law and the aims of the criminal justice system
Principles of liability and the nature of criminal offences and defences

Offences against the person (fatal, non-fatal and sexual)

Property Offences

Learning Outcomes

1	LO1 Recognise and discuss the diverse and sometimes contradictory functions of the criminal law
2	LO2 Critique the conceptual infrastructures pertaining to criminal law
3	LO3 Explain and distinguish between different rationales and mechanisms for avoiding or reducing responsibility under the criminal law.
4	LO4 Identify and explain some of the major offences in Anglo-Welsh criminal law
5	LO5 Apply your knowledge of Criminal law to sole theoretical and practical problems
6	LO6 Make and communicate a reasoned logical argument and exercise critical judgment as to the merits of competing arguments in a variety of legal areas
7	LO7 Make use of a variety of different sources of information to underpin legal arguments

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

The module will be delivered using lectures and tutorials. Key lectures will deliver core content; providing students with the opportunity to acquire the information to enhance their knowledge and understand the continually changing landscape of this subject (LO1,2,3,4). This will be complemented by tutorials. Tutorials will include theoretical discussions, groupwork and case studies by students, and will be designed to develop topics raised in lectures. Active participation by all students is required in all tutorials and, where appropriate. During tutorials, verbal feedback will be provided to students regarding their work (LO5,6,7.) Directed study provides students with the opportunity to undertake guided reading and to develop their own learning to enhance both transferable skills and knowledge. The VLE will be used to provide access to online resources, lecture notes and external links to websites of interest.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Examination - closed book	Closed book examination	2 hours	70%
Summative	Coursework	Coursework - individual assignments of up to 1300 words		30%

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>.

Please note:

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