

Module Details	
Module Title	Criminal Law
Module Code	LAW5003-B
Academic Year	2021/2
Credits	20
School	School of Law
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 5

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Directed Study	158
Tutorials	20
Lectures	22

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Academic Year

Module Aims
This module is designed to enable students to develop a working knowledge and appreciation of the nature of criminal offences and criminal liability; to enable students to acquire a knowledge and appreciation of the major criminal offences (to include sexual offences, non-fatal offences against the person, homicide and property offences); and to enable students to acquire skills in critically evaluating contemporary criminal law and proposals for reform.

Outline Syllabus
The module is broadly split into two halves. For the first half of the module students will study the theory of criminal law. Principally this includes the concepts of criminalisation, and the construction of offences and defences. Students will then go on to apply this theoretical framework to a range of substantive offences: sexual offences, non-fatal offences against the person, homicide (including murder, and voluntary and involuntary manslaughter), and property offences (including theft, burglary, and fraud).

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Critique the legal institutions, rules, principles and underlying concepts of criminal law
02	Apply knowledge of criminal law accurately and analytically to solve criminal law problems
03	Make cogent analyses and critical judgments of competing arguments in a variety of areas of criminal law
04	Conduct independent research using legal databases to provide fully informed analysis and advice

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
Your learning will be directed, supported and reinforced through a combination of lectures, tutorials and guided private study. Lectures will introduce and explain key concepts and principles. In tutorials you will learn how to apply statutes and cases appropriate to the different elements of the syllabus through a variety of questions and a range of directed reading. All learning outcomes will be addressed through the tutorial work to prepare students for the assessments. The tutorials are broken down into weekly tasks designed to allow and encourage you to demonstrate your achievement of the learning outcomes in different formats, thus broadening your skills and fostering a more inclusive curriculum. All teaching and learning is supported by information (including the module handbook) provided on Canvas, our virtual learning environment. Summative assessment will consist of a written assignment and an unseen examination. The written assignment, at the end of semester 1 will test all learning outcomes. The examination at the end of semester 2 will test LOs 1,2,3. For the formative assessment, all students will be provided with past coursework and exam questions. Students will be invited to submit essays for any of the questions which they would like to answer. Students will then receive constructive feedback on the answers provided.

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Written	Coursework - individual assignments of up to 2000 words	50%
Summative	Examination - Closed Book	Closed book examination	50%
Formative	Coursework - Written	Essays of 1000-2000 words on past paper questions - will receive constructive feedback on the answers provided.	N/A
Formative	Examination - Open Book	Past paper timed essay exercise of approximately 1000 words and up to 2 hours. Students will then receive constructive feedback on the answers provided.	N/A

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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