

Criminal law [LA1010]

Aims: To develop a sound understanding of the general principles of criminal liability and an ability to critically analyse the rules of substantive criminal law.

Objectives: On completion of this course, students should have an awareness of the principles of criminal law, a sound working knowledge of the main criminal offences and defences and the factors affecting criminal liability. Students will be expected to demonstrate knowledge, understanding and an ability to apply the rules which make up the criminal law to problem situations of some legal complexity. In addition, they will be expected to show that they are able to express their considered views on whether the aims and objectives of the criminal law are appropriate in a modern legal system.

1. General Principles of Criminal law
2. Actus reus, including act requirements, liability for omissions and situational ability
3. Causation
4. Mens Rea , including intention recklessness and negligence
5. Coincidence of actus reus and mens rea
- 5 General defences1: insanity, automatism, intoxication,
- 6 General defences 2, necessity, duress, self-defence, consent
7. Murder and voluntary manslaughter
8. Involuntary manslaughter
9. Non-fatal offences 1: section 39 Criminal Justice Act 1988.
10. Non-fatal Offences 2, sections 18,20,47 OAPA 1861
11. Rape
12. Theft, fraud, burglary
13. Criminal damage
14. Secondary participation;
15. Inchoate offences: including assisting and encouraging crime and criminal attempts.

Students are permitted to bring into the examination room the following specified document:
one copy of **one** of the following: *Blackstone's Statutes on Criminal Law (OUP)* or *Sweet and Maxwell's Statute Series: Criminal Law* or *Butterworth's Student Statutes: Criminal Law* or *Core Statutes on Criminal Law (Palgrave Macmillan)*