



Module Specification

Criminal Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Criminal Law

Module code: UJXTSY-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2024-25

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

College: College of Business and Law

School: CBL Bristol Law School

Partner institutions: None

Field: Law - non modular

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The purpose of the module is to give students an understanding of the rules and principles of matters which frequently arise in criminal courts.

Outline syllabus: The module covers vulnerable witnesses, expert evidence, defence statements, submission of no case to answer, contested character applications and an appeal against conviction and sentence.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module requires the students to demonstrate advanced advocacy skills in a range of criminal applications before a range of tribunals. This includes effectively dealing with judicial intervention during submissions.

In addition the module requires the students to research and draft notices and appeals.

The module is taught via lectures and interactive skills seminars, many of which will take place in the court rooms.

Student performances are recorded to enable post seminar reflection.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Evaluate a set of facts in order to advise on a course of action and to draft relevant documentation

MO2 Analyse and evaluate a brief to create a line of argument which is persuasive and logical in the context of the brief and instructions.

MO3 Demonstrate professional behaviour and ethical conduct

MO4 Persuade by means of fluent and articulate advocacy

MO5 Elaborate legal argument following judicial intervention.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 131.5 hours

Face-to-face learning = 18.5 hours

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujxtsy-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujxtsy-15-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: There is one final assessment which consists of two parts; a written/drafting element and an advocacy element

There is a formative assessment scheduled to take place towards the end of the teaching block and will precede the final assessment.

Assessment tasks:

Portfolio (First Sit)

Description: An advocacy submission (using the written/drafting task)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Portfolio (Resit)

Description: An advocacy submission (using the written/drafting task)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Bar Training Course [Frenchay] LLM 2024-25

Bar Training Course [Frenchay] LLM 2022-23

Bar Training Course [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24