## Law

### Criminal Law

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### GRADED ACADEMIC SUBJECT CONTENT

#### Learning Outcomes

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<td><strong>1</strong> Understand the rules and cases governing at least one aspect of criminal law.</td>
<td>1.1 Explain the key rules and cases that are relevant to an aspect of criminal law.</td>
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<td>1.2 Illustrate a logical understanding of the rules using relevant statutes and/or case law.</td>
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<td><strong>2</strong> Demonstrate an understanding of the way in which the rules of at least one area of criminal law are applied by the courts.</td>
<td>2.1 Show how the courts apply the rules of an area of criminal law in order to find a defendant guilty of any offence.</td>
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<td>2.2 Analyse any relevant case law and statutes that apply to the area of law.</td>
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<td>2.3 Describe any defences that may be used by a defendant accused of the particular offence.</td>
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<td><strong>3</strong> Demonstrate an understanding of the effectiveness of an area of criminal law.</td>
<td>3.1 Analyse any changes made to the area of law over recent years.</td>
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<td>3.2 Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the area of law.</td>
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<td>3.3 Analyse any suggestions for reform of the area of law.</td>
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### Assessment Methodology

A 2000 – 2500 word assignment

### Grading of this unit

The following grade descriptors will be applied to the assessment of this unit:

1. Understanding of the subject
2. Application of Knowledge
3. Use of Information
4. Communication and Presentation
5. Quality

Please refer to the QAA Grade Descriptors for detail of the components of each descriptor.
### Indicative Content

**Elements of a Crime**  
Actus Reus, omissions, causation  
Mens rea – intention, recklessness  
Transferred malice, coincidence of actus reus and mens rea, strict liability

**Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person**  
Assault, battery, actual bodily harm, grievous bodily harm.

**Homicide**  
Murder, diminished responsibility, loss of control, suicide pact.  
Unlawful act manslaughter, gross negligence manslaughter.

**Offences Against Property**  
Theft, robbery, burglary, criminal damage.

**Defences**  
Insanity, automatism, intoxication, mistake, self-defence, duress, necessity, consent.

### Barred Combinations

This unit cannot be taken with:  
- Elements of a Crime and Criminal Procedure

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