

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Criminal Responsibility

Reference	BS4177	Version	3
Created	February 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	June 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended		ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To allow students to focus on specific aspects of criminal responsibility and critically appraise these issues from a theoretical, philosophical and comparative perspective.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Identify and appraise key concepts in the theoretical literature on responsibility
- 2 Critically discuss the meaning of those concepts and apply them to specific scenarios.
- 3 Identify, appraise and evaluate approaches to these issues in other jurisdictions.

Indicative Module Content

Students will study: general theories of responsibility; philosophical conceptions of responsible action; factors commonly viewed as diminishing or removing responsibility (age, mental states, provocation); approaches to these issues in selected foreign jurisdictions

Module Delivery

This is a lecture and seminar based module. Lectures provide core module content. Seminars develop associated higher level skills through student centred learning.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	36
Non-Contact Hours	114	114
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2
 Description: Written coursework exercise

Component 2

Type: Coursework Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3
 Description: Written coursework exercise

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

C1 - Coursework - 30% weighting. C2 - Coursework - 70% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
B	At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
C	At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
D	At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
E	At least 35% on weighted aggregate
F	Less than 35% on weighted aggregate
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module None.
 Corequisites for module None.
 Precluded Modules None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- 4 TADROS, V., 2007. *Criminal responsibility*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.