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## 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:
<b>A</b>	At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>B</b>	At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>C</b>	At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>D</b>	At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>E</b>	At least 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>F</b>	Less than 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>NS</b>	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.