MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Criminal Responsibility

Reference	LL4177	Version	2
Created	August 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	June 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2023	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	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	114	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

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

Component 1

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3
Description:	Written coursework exercise				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

Component 1 comprises 100% of the module grade. To pass the module, a D grade or above is required.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
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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