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| <b>Module Title:</b>  | Criminal Law 1   |
| <b>Language of Instruction:</b>   | English  |
| <b>Credits:</b>   | 10   |
| <b>NFQ Level:</b>   | 8  |
| <b>Module Delivered In</b>  | <a href="#">2 programme(s)</a>   |
| <b>Teaching &amp; Learning Strategies:</b>  | <p>Lectures - communication of knowledge and ideas from the lecturer to the student. Problem Solving Exercises - student will work as part of a team and will work together to resolve various legal scenarios. Class Discussion/Debate - Students will be encouraged to actively participate in the class sessions which will develop their analytical and communication skills. E-Learning - the module will be supported with on-line learning materials. Self-Direct Independent Learning - the emphasis on independent learning will develop a strong and autonomous work and learning practices.</p> |
| <b>Module Aim:</b>  | The aim of this module is to introduce students to the fundamentals of criminal liability in Ireland.  |
| <b>Learning Outcomes</b>  |  |
| <i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i>                                       |  |
| LO1   | Identify the purpose of the criminal law and explain how and why criminal wrongs can be distinguished from non-criminal wrongs.  |
| LO2   | Describe the difference between the actus reus and mens rea of a crime and discuss the various constituent elements of both.   |
| LO3   | Demonstrate understanding of the various degrees of criminal liability.  |
| LO4   | Demonstrate understanding of the different categories of homicide and assault related offences and specific defences that may be available to same.  |
| LO5   | Analyse the law and employ knowledge and understanding in solving relevant problems.   |
| <b>Pre-requisite learning</b>   |  |
| <b>Module Recommendations</b>   |  |
| <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.</i>           |  |
| No recommendations listed   |  |
| <b>Incompatible Modules</b>   |  |
| <i>These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.</i> |  |
| No incompatible modules listed  |  |
| <b>Co-requisite Modules</b>   |  |
| No Co-requisite modules listed  |  |
| <b>Requirements</b>   |  |
| <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.</i>  |  |
| No requirements listed  |  |

**Module Content & Assessment**

| Indicative Content   |
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| <b>Introduction to Criminal Law (10%)</b><br>• Origins and Purpose of Criminal Law • Distinction between Criminal and Civil matters • Classification of Crime  |
| <b>The Elements of Crime (40%)</b><br>• Actus Reus (including Causation) • Categories of Mens Rea • Crimes of Strict Liability • Liability of Participants   |
| <b>Fatal Offences Against the Person (30%)</b><br>• Murder • Manslaughter Defences specific to murder - Provocation, Diminished Responsibility, Mistaken excessive use of fatal force                      |
| <b>Assault and related offences (20%)</b><br>Assault, Assault Causing Harm, Causing Serious Harm - Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Non Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 - Relevance of victim consent |

| Assessment Breakdown             | %      |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Continuous Assessment            | 20.00% |
| End of Module Formal Examination | 80.00% |

| Continuous Assessment |  |                   |            |                 |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Assessment Type       | Assessment Description   | Outcome addressed | % of total | Assessment Date |
| Other                 | In-Class Assessment This assessment will objectively assess each student's knowledge of the fundamental elements of a crime and of criminal liability. | 1,2,3             | 20.00      | Week 7          |

No Project

No Practical

| End of Module Formal Examination |                                   |                   |            |                 |
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| Assessment Type                  | Assessment Description            | Outcome addressed | % of total | Assessment Date |
| Formal Exam                      | End-of-Semester Final Examination | 1,2,3,4,5         | 80.00      | End-of-Semester |

SETU Carlow Campus reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment

**Module Workload**

| <b>Workload: Full Time</b> |                    |  |
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| <i>Workload Type</i>       | <i>Frequency</i>   | <i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i> |
| Lecture                    | 12 Weeks per Stage | 3.00                                   |
| Estimated Learner Hours    | 15 Weeks per Stage | 14.27                                  |
| Total Hours                |                    | 250.00                                 |

  

| <b>Workload: Part Time</b> |                  |  |
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| <i>Workload Type</i>       | <i>Frequency</i> | <i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i> |
| Lecture                    | Every Week       | 1.50                                   |
| Total Hours                |                  | 1.50                                   |

**Module Delivered In**

| Programme Code | Programme   | Semester | Delivery  |
|----------------|---|----------|-----------|
| CW_BBLEG_C_1   | <a href="#">Higher Certificate in Arts in Legal Studies</a> | 3        | Mandatory |
| CW_HHLAW_B OLD | <a href="#">Honours Bachelor of Laws Degree - LLB</a>       | 1        | Mandatory |