Module Title:	Criminal Law 1
Language of Instruction:	English

Credits:	10

NFQ Level:	8

Module Delivered In	2 programme(s)

Teaching & Learning Strategies:	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.

Module Aim:	The aim of this module is to introduce students to the fundamentals of criminal liability in Ireland.

Learning Outcomes	
On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:	
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.

Pre-requisite learning	
Module Recommendations *This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.*	
No recommendations listed	
Incompatible Modules *These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.*	
No incompatible modules listed	
Co-requisite Modules	
No Co-requisite modules listed	
Requirements *This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.*	
No requirements listed	

Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content
Introduction to Criminal Law (10%) • Origins and Purpose of Criminal Law • Distinction between Criminal and Civil matters • Classification of Crime
The Elements of Crime (40%) • Actus Reus (including Causation) • Categories of Mens Rea • Crimes of Strict Liability • Liability of Participants
Fatal Offences Against the Person (30%) • Murder • Manslaughter Defences specific to murder - Provocation, Diminished Responsibility, Mistaken excessive use of fatal force
Assault and related offences (20%) 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				
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

Workload: Full Time		
Workload Type	*Frequency*	*Average Weekly Learner Workload*
Lecture	12 Weeks per Stage	3.00
Estimated Learner Hours	15 Weeks per Stage	14.27
	Total Hours	250.00

Workload: Part Time		
Workload Type	*Frequency*	*Average Weekly Learner Workload*
Lecture	Every Week	1.50
	Total Hours	1.50

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_BBLEG_C_1	Higher Certificate in Arts in Legal Studies	3	Mandatory
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