

Module Details				
Module Title	Legal and Moral Constructions of Crime and Criminal Behaviour: Process and Remedy			
Module Code	SAC5018-B			
Academic Year	2024/5			
Credits	20			
School	School of Social Sciences			
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 5			

Contact Hours				
Туре	Hours			
Independent Study	3			
Online Lecture (Synchronous)	33			
Directed Study	164			

Availability					
Occurrence	Location / Period				
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1				

Module Aims

This module aims to develop your awareness of the purpose, scope and limitations of the law, morality and justice in the construction and processing of criminal behaviours; to develop your understanding of the criminal law and specific crimes and defences available; to facilitate the ability to analyse and correctly apply legal principles to specific factual scenarios; to provide an understanding of the nature of criminal liability and an awareness of the elements of a crime.

Outline Syllabus

The elements of a crime, the classification of offences, Human Rights issues, PACE. Law, morality and justice. Causation, strict liability, the role of appropriate adults, general defences such as automatism, insanity. Partial defences such as loss of control and diminished responsibility.

Learning Outcomes				
Outcome Number	Description			
01	Critically examine the socio-legal principles of criminal liability, the elements of major offences and defences.			
02	Critically assess the relationship between law, morality and justice.			
03	Interpret and apply relevant case law and statutes to real scenarios.			
04	Use legal terminology competently.			
05	Effectively communicate the appropriate use of socio-legal argument			
06	Carry out relevant legal research and use relevant IT skills.			

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Face-to-face lectures, class participation within the lecture room and online exercises provide the opportunity for the development of an increasingly sophisticated understanding of the issues raised by the module and the recommended reading.

The three-hour seen examination provides the opportunity to develop independent research and analytical skills in the preparation for the exam, which then tests the ability to integrate learning into coherent academic arguments that reflect a theoretically sound understanding of the chosen topics. The formative one hour mock exam is offered to students during one of the lecture slots.

Seen exam, the questions will be released one week before the examination date, 100% weighting, choose any three questions from the list provided. Each answer is up to 1000 words. There is no need to provide a bibliography or reference list.

Mode of Assessment							
Туре	Method	Description	Weighting				
Summative	Examination - Closed Book	Closed-book seen examination (180 minutes): Answer 3 questions from the provided list	100%				
Formative	Examination - Closed Book	Mock Exam	N/A				

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <u>https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html</u>

Please note:

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