

# Global Learning Semesters

## Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-111 Criminal Law I

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-111	Criminal Law I	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Lower Division	English

### Course Description

The course offers a comprehensive introduction and invaluable foundation to the subject of Criminal Law, focusing primarily on the relevant salient principles fundamental to criminal liability and the current state of the law in the specific areas of study as laid down in the syllabus topics set forth hereunder. Within this context, the key aim of the course is to develop a sound understanding of legal method with particular emphasis on the ability to adopt an effective analytical approach with a view to identifying specific criminal conduct/issues, and applying the general principles of Criminal Law to given hypothetical situations and scenarios with reference to relevant case authority, applicable legislation and/or the opinions of recognised legal commentators and academics.

### Prerequisites

None

### Topic Areas

1. Nature of Criminal Law (Introduction). Definition, Classification of Crimes, Crime and Morality.
2. Actus Reus (Conduct). Acts and Omissions, Consequences, Surrounding Circumstances.
3. Mens Rea (State of Mind). Intention, Recklessness, Knowledge, Negligence, Strict Liability, Vicarious Liability.
4. General Defences. Mistake, Necessity, Compulsion (Duress), Superior Orders, Automatism, Insanity, Drunkenness (Intoxication).
5. Participation in Offences/Accomplices Accessorial/ Secondary Liability). Principles and Secondary Parties (aiding, abetting, counseling, procuring), Participation After Offences Committed (assisting offenders, concealing offences).

### Readings and Resources

#### Required Textbook

- J.C. Smith and B. Hogan, Criminal Law, 9<sup>th</sup> ed., Butterworths, 1999 (ISBN: 0406081875).
- M. Molan, Textbook: Criminal Law, Old Bailey Press, 1999.

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- M. Molan, Casebook: Criminal Law, Old Bailey Press, 1999.
- N. Padfield, Criminal Law, Butterworth Law, 1998 (ISBN: 0406033102).

- R. Card, Card, Cross and Jones: Criminal Law, 14<sup>th</sup> ed. Butterworth Law, 1998 (ISBN: 0406895902).
- P. Glazebrook, Blackstone's Statutes on Criminal Law, 7th ed. 1997/98, Blackstone (ISBN: 1854316613).