

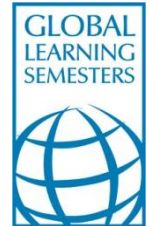
## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-241 Criminal Law I

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-241	Criminal Law I	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	Sophomore standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Lower Division	English

### Course Description

During the course, students will cover the following areas of study:

1. Introduction to the Criminal Law
2. The Elements of a Crime: (i) Actus Reus: Nature, Causation, Omissions; (ii) Mens Rea: Intention, Recklessness, Transferred Malice, Coincidence of Actus Reus & Mens Rea.
3. Crimes of Strict Liability
4. Participation in Crime: Aiding, Abetting, Counseling & Procuring (Accessional Liability)
5. General Defences: Insanity, Automatism, Diminished Responsibility, Intoxication, Self- Defence, Duress, Necessity

### Instructor

Mr. Peter Pafitis

### Course Aims and Objectives

This course aims to acquaint students with the principles and criteria upon which a person's responsibility under criminal law will be assessed. This requires an analysis of the nature of criminal offences, the elements of a crime, parties to crime and an appreciation of the circumstances in which people are absolved of responsibility under the criminal law. Having studied these basic principles, the course then aims to enable students to acquire a knowledge and appreciation of particular inchoate offences against the person and offences against property.

### Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, discussions, presentations, and problem-solving activities.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (33 hours of lectures/presentations, 12 hours of seminars/tutorials). The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14 weeks (3 hours/week).

## Evaluation and Grading

Assigned work:	25%
Interim tests:	25%
Final Exam:	50%

## Readings and Resources

### Required Textbook

Smith J C, Smith & Hogan Criminal Law, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition.

### Recommended Reading

Padfield Nicola, Criminal Law, Butterworths, 1<sup>st</sup> edition

Card Richard, Card, Cross & Jones Criminal Law, Butterworths, 14<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Elliot Catherine & Quinn Frances, Criminal Law, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

Smith JC, The Law of Theft, Butterworths, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition

Allen Michael J, Elliot & Wood's Cases & Materials on Criminal Law, Sweet & Maxwell, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Jefferson Michael, Criminal Law, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition