

Suggested Weekly Work Plan

Criminal Law (G143)

Week 1

What is criminal law for?	Newspaper articles
Basic elements	Discussion – does law do a good job?
What is an actus reus?	Venn diagram – elements of a crime
Need for positive act	Introduction to Section A technique
Types of actus reus	Exercise – what makes a crime?
Chain of causation	Flow chart on liability

Week 2

Doctrine of coincidence	Section A question on actus reus
Thin skull test	Case work on tests in causation
Liability for omissions	Discussion on Good Samaritan law
	Introduction to Section B technique
	Q and A chart on omissions

Week 3

Introduction to mens rea	Flow chart on types of mens rea
Types of intention	Reading from textbook
Oblique intent – the cases	Case summaries
	Section A question on intention



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Week 4

Types of recklessness

Clock chart on recklessness

Evolution through cases

Case summaries

Where is law now?

Section A question on recklessness

Transferred malice

Actus reus and mens rea quiz

Week 5

What is strict liability?

Internet search – find a statute

What is absolute liability?

Key word quiz – how to spot an offence

Statutory words

Pie chart – advantages and disadvantages

Other influences

Reading from textbook

The future of strict liability

Section A question on strict liability

Week 6

What is an attempt?

Drafting exercise – meaning of attempt

Evolution of actus reus in S.1 CAA 1981

Case summaries

Problem of impossibility

Jury exercise – attempt or no attempt!

The question of mens rea

Reading from textbook

The future for attempt

Section A question on attempt



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Week 7

How to prove murder

Provocation – S.3 HA 1957

Provocative behaviour

Killing in heat of moment

Relevant characteristics

Flow chart on homicide offences

Reading from textbook

Video – Sara Thornton case

Time line – battered wife syndrome

Jury exercise – was there provocation?

Week 8

Diminished Responsibility – S.2 HA 1957

What is a reasonable abnormality?

What fits the DR bill?

What is reasonable impairment?

Where is the law going?

Constructive manslaughter

Tick chart – how to spot DR

Application to Section B questions

Internet exercise – reform plans

Presentation – how good is the law?

Section A question on specific defences

Q and A chart for Section B questions

Week 9

Gross negligence manslaughter

Reckless manslaughter

Future of homicide law

Consideration of newspaper cases

Internet research – reform plans

Section A and B questions

Jury exercise – get the charge right!

Court visit – the law in action

Introduction to Section C technique

Week 10

Insanity – the M'Naghten Rules 1843

What is a defect of reason?

What is an abnormality of mind?

When is it automatism?

Do the defences work?

Links to DR – S.2 HA 1957

Case summaries

Reading from textbook

Pie chart – insanity or not?

Internet research – reform plans

Section A question - defences of the mind

Week 11

Duress

Reading from textbook

What type of threat?

Factual quiz – which defence applies?

Problem of immediacy

Debate – should these defences exist?

Restrictions of the defence

Team presentation - Re A – right or wrong?

Duress of circumstances

Section A question on pressure defences

What is necessity?

Week 12

Voluntary intoxication

Reading from textbook

Specific and basic intent crimes

Case work – when does the defence apply?

What has to be proved?

Debate – should this defence work?

When does involuntary intoxication apply?

Pie chart – legal principle or public policy?

Intoxicated mistake – fact or myth?

Application to Section A question

Revision on all general defences

Application to Section B questions

Week 13

Assault – S.39 CJA 1988

Flow chart on offences

What has to be proved?

Video – which offence would you charge?

Battery – S.39 CJA 1988

Internet research – what do the CPS do?

What has to be proved?

Court visit – the law in action

S.47 OAPA 1861

What is ABH?

Issue of mens rea



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Week 14

S.20 OAPA 1861

Reading from textbook

What is a wound and what is GBH?

Case summaries

Issue of mens rea

Discussion on reform proposals

S.18 OAPA 1861

Quiz – which offence is it?

How is this different?

Section A question on reforms

Q and A flow chart on liability

Week 15

Self defence

Application to Section B questions

Defence of consent

Debate – law v moral principles

How does this fit together?

Application to Section C questions

Section A question on defences

Week 16

Theft – S.1 Theft Act 1968

Reading from textbook

S.3 – Appropriation

Case summaries

S.4 – Property

Team game - appropriation or no appropriation?

S.5 – Belonging to another

Section A question on appropriation

Week 17

S.2 – Dishonesty

Jury exercise – what is dishonest?

S.6 – intention to permanently deprive

Section A question on dishonesty

How it all fits together

Application to Section B questions



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Week 18

Robbery – S.8 Theft Act 1968

What has to be proved?

Burglary – S.9 Theft Act 1968

S.9(1)(a) – what is it?

S.9(1)(b) – what is it?

Application to section B questions

Quiz – what type of burglary is it?

Application to Section C questions

Revision flow chart on property offences

Just for fun – a couple of activities that are useful in revision or for a lesson just before the end of term!

LEGAL CHARADES

2 teams

Team 1 mimes either the name of the case or the facts

Team 2 has to work out the name of the case

You can give bonuses for the area of law, ratio decidendi, the court the case was decided in, the name of the judge, the date of the case – whatever you like!

Winners get a prize!



RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT

CRIMINAL LAW CASES – GIANT WORD SEARCH!

You get a mark for identifying the case name and another mark for spotting the area of law the case involves!

Good luck – there’s a prize for the winner!

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