

LAW6027 Criminal Law (Terms 1 and 2)

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Recommended reading and course texts (2 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

[Book](#) | **Essential** | This is the standard text for most of the topics in the module. It is available via Lawtrove.

Criminal law: text, cases, and materials, by Jonathan Herring, 2024

[Book](#) | **Essential** | This is the standard text for essay orientated topics in the module (identified for those seminars). It is available via Lawtrove. It is also longer and more detailed than Monaghan, while covering the same ground, so may be a text you prefer.

Finding cases and legislation for this module (3 items)

You will need to use Lexis+ or Westlaw to find relevant cases and legislation for this module. The 'view online' buttons below will take you to the library's dedicated page for each database. Here you can find step-by-step guides, videos etc. and links to the databases themselves.

Access Westlaw and learn more about how useful it is for law

[Webpage](#) | **Optional**

Access Lexis+ and learn more about how to make the most of it

[Webpage](#) | **Optional**

Seminars (53 items)

Introduction to Criminal Law (2 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 1- pp.1-20.

The Code for Crown Prosecutors, by Crown Prosecution Service, 2018

[Webpage](#) | **Recommended**

Actus Reus I - Omissions (4 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

Book | **Essential** | Ch.2, pp.22-37

Criminal omissions - the conventional view - in Law Quarterly Review, by Glanville Williams, 1991

Article | **Optional**

Beyond acts and omissions: Remark-able criminal conduct - in Legal studies, by Mark Dsouza, 2021

Article | **Recommended**

Against the Act/Omission Distinction - in Northern Ireland Law Quarterly, by Mark Dsouza, 2022

Article | **Recommended**

Actus Reus II - Causation & Coincidence (3 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

Book | **Essential** | Ch.2, pp.38-55

The decline of criminal law causation without limits - in Law Quarterly Review, by Karl Laird, 2016

Article | **Recommended**

Common-Sense Causation in the Law - in Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, by Andrew Summers, 2018

Article | **Recommended**

Mens Rea (3 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 3, and Chapter 5 (section 5.2 only)

After Woollin - in Criminal Law Review, by Alan W. Norrie, 1999

Article | **Recommended**

The mens rea for murder: leave it alone - in Law Quarterly Review, by Glanville Williams, 1989

Article | **Recommended**

Murder and Voluntary Manslaughter (8 items)

Criminal law: text, cases, and materials, by Jonathan Herring, 2024

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 5 (sections 2, 4, and 5) for the doctrinal law and (sections 19 and 20) for the theory behind the Voluntary Manslaughter defences.

Diminished responsibility in Golds and beyond: insights and implications - in Criminal Law Review, by Matthew Gibson, 2017

[Article](#) | Essential

The Loss of Control Defence - Fit for Purpose - in Journal of Criminal Law, by Simon Parsons, 2015

[Article](#) | Essential

The Coroners and Justice Act 2009 - partial defences to murder (1) Loss of control - in Criminal Law Review, by Alan Norrie, 2010

[Article](#) | Recommended

Loss of Control beyond Sexual Infidelity - in Journal of Criminal Law, by Nicola Wake, 2012

[Article](#) | Recommended | Commentary on R v Clinton

Loss of Self-control: Back to the Good Old Days - in Journal of Criminal Law, by Chris Morgan, 2013

[Article](#) | Recommended

The new diminished responsibility plea in operation: some initial findings - in Criminal Law Review, by Ronnie McKay; Barry Mitchell, 2017

[Article](#) | Recommended

The impairment factors in the new diminished responsibility plea - in Criminal Law Review, by Ronnie Mackay, 2018

[Article](#) | Recommended

Involuntary Manslaughter (5 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

[Book](#) | Essential | Ch6, pp.135-156

The Architecture of Homicide - in Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, by Andrew Cornford, 2014

[Article](#) | Optional

Gross Negligence Manslaughter on the Cusp: The Unprincipled Privileging of Harm over Culpability - in Journal of Criminal Law, by Anne Lodge

[Article](#) | Optional

Reconstructing unlawful and dangerous act manslaughter - in Journal of Criminal Law, by Gavin Leigh, 2019

[Article](#) | Recommended

Why criminal responsibility for negligence cannot be indirect - in Cambridge Law Journal, by Alexander Greenberg, 2021

[Article](#) | Recommended

Property I (actus reus of theft) (3 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

[Book](#) | Essential | Ch.9, pp.235-246, 249-255

The Concept of Appropriation and the Offence of Theft - in The Modern Law Review, by Emmanuel Melissaris, 2007

[Article](#) | Optional

Theft: appropriation through submitting false claims? Darroux v R - in Journal of Criminal Law, by Zach Leggett, 2018

[Article](#) | Recommended

Conceptualising the interpretation of "dwelling" in section 9 of the Theft Act 1968 - in Criminal Law Review, by Karl Laird, 2013

[Article](#) | Recommended

Property II (mens rea of theft) (3 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

[Book](#) | Essential | Ch.9, pp.256-270 & Ch.10, pp. 277-287

Mistaking theft: dishonesty "turns over a new leaf" - in Journal of Criminal Law, by Bo Wang, 2022

[Article](#) | Recommended

The honest cheat: a timely history of cheating and fraud following Ivey v Genting Casinos (UK) Ltd t/a Crockfords [2017] UKSC 67 - in Legal Studies, by Cerian Griffiths, 2020

[Article](#) | Optional

Offences Against the Person / Criminal Damage (4 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

[Book](#) | Essential | Chapter 7 (all, but skip 7.6) and Chapter 10 (section 10.6 only)

Not so clear cut: the lawfulness of body modifications - in Criminal Law Review, by Samantha Pegg, 2019

[Article](#) | Recommended

Getting their "act" together? Implementing statutory reform of offences against the person - in Criminal Law Review, by Matthew Gibson, 2016

[Article](#) | Recommended

Deception and Qualifications: Revisiting the Ruling in R v Richardson? - in Journal of Criminal Law, by Samantha Pegg; Mark Thomas, 2019

[Article](#) | Recommended

Bareback Sex in the Age of Preventative Medication: Rethinking the 'Harms' of HIV Transmission - in The Journal of Criminal Law, by Chris Ashford; Max Morris; Alex Powell, 2020

[Article](#) | Recommended

Defences I (Incapacity and Negating the Elements of the Offence) (5 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

[Book](#) | Essential | Chapter 13 (all of).

Insanity and automatism: a discussion paper - in Criminal Law Review, by Andrew Ashworth, 2013

[Article](#) | Recommended

Insanity and automatism: questions from and about the Law Commission - in Criminal Law Review, by Jill Peay, 2012

[Article](#) | Recommended

Voluntary intoxication - a lost cause? - in Law Quarterly Review, by Rebecca Williams, 2013

[Article](#) | Recommended

When does the insanity defence apply? Some recent cases - in Criminal Law Review, by J.J. Child; G.R. Sullivan, 2014

[Article](#) | Recommended

Defences II (Justificatory and Excusatory Defences) (5 items)

Criminal law directions, by Nicola Monaghan, 2022

[Book](#) | Essential | Chapter 14 (all of).

"Our home is our haven and refuge - a place where we have every right to feel safe": justifying the use of up to "grossly disproportionate force" in a place of residence - in Criminal Law Review, by Lydia Bleasdale-Hill, 2015

[Article](#) | Recommended

Interpreting the Contours of Self-Defence within the Boundaries of the Rule of Law, the Common Law and Human Rights - in Journal of Criminal Law, by Catherine Elliott, 2015

[Article](#) | Recommended

The Use of Disproportionate Force in 'Householder' Cases and Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights R on the application of Denby Collins (A protected party by his father and litigation friend Peter Collins) v The Secretary of State for Justice [2016] EWHC 33 (Admin) - in Journal of Criminal Law, by Adam Jackson, 2016

[Article](#) | Recommended

Surgical separation - whether surgical separation of conjoined twins that would lead to death of non-viable twin lawful - in Criminal Law Review, by Dilys Tausz, 2001

[Article](#) | Recommended | A case commentary of *Re A(Children)(Conjoined Twins; surgical separation)* [2001] 2 WLR 480

Reviewed Work: Cannibalism and the Common Law by A. W. Brian Simpson - in California

Law Review, by Robert C. Berring, 1985

Article | **Optional** | A review of Simpson's seminal work 'Cannibalism and the Common Law.'

Inchoate Offences (5 items)

Criminal law: text, cases, and materials, by Jonathan Herring, 2024

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 14 (sections 2 and 4) for the doctrinal law and (sections 5, 6 and 7) for the theory behind the Inchoate Offences.

Attempt: The Conduct Requirement - in Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, by Christopher M. V. Clarkson, 2009

Article | **Recommended**

Pace and Rogers and the Mens Rea of Criminal Attempt: Khan on the Scrapheap? - in Journal of Criminal Law, by J. J. Child; Adrian Hunt, 2014

Article | **Recommended**

The codification of attempts and the case for "preparation" - in Criminal Law Review, by Jonathan Rogers, 2008

Article | **Recommended**

Conspiracy: An Alarming Response to Peaceful Protest? - in The Journal of Criminal Law, by Vicky Thirlaway, 2017

Article | **Recommended**