

LAW309 Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence - 1

Level: 3

Credit Units: 10 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

LAW309 Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence - 1 introduces the Law Student to Criminal Law in Singapore. In this course, students explore the general principles of criminal law, criminal liability and culpability as well as the common defences before exploring the specific parts of the Penal Code including offences against the person, offences against property. LAW311 Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence - 2 is a companion course and is a co-requisite in the first instance. In this course, students will be introduced to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code from investigations to trial procedure in all courts. Students will also learn about the law of evidence as it applies in criminal cases. Here, because the liberty of the accused is at stake, the law has developed various exclusionary rules to protect the accused. In this way, the students will approach these subjects not as separate subjects to be studied at various stages of their training, but, will approach the subjects in an applied context where the student has to marry book learning with court rules and practice in order to arrive at a solution to a client's problems.

Topics:

- General Principles of Criminal Law
- Principles of Culpability
- Offences Against Persons I – Homicide
- Offences Against Persons II – Non-Homicide
- Offences Against Property
- Criminal Defences I – General Exceptions
- Criminal Defences II – Exceptions to s 300 Penal Code
- Abetment, Conspiracy and Joint Liability
- The Criminal Trial
- Judgment and Sentences

Learning Outcome:

- Indicate the various sources of the relevant law, how it is made and developed; of the institutions within which that law is administered and the personnel who practice law
- Demonstrate understanding of legal concepts, values, principles and procedures of Singapore law and explain the relationship between them in a number of subject areas, as well as to apply them
- Analyse fact patterns to identify relevant issues of law, fact and procedure.
- Interpret the relevant rule of substantive law, procedure or evidence relevant to the issues identified
- Apply the relevant laws and principles to come to a conclusion on the issues
- Formulate an opinion, provide a solution and advise based on the conclusions
- Discuss critically, competing arguments in literature or in a group situation and make a reasoned choice between alternatives
- Examine ideas, concepts and arguments in the English language and legal terminology with care and accuracy
- Employ information technology in an office environment for the search for information, the preparation of documents and presentations

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1	1.66
	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 2	1.67
	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 3	1.67
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	5
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	10
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 3	10
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 4	10
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 5	10
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100