

DETAILED CURRICULUM
LEVEL ONE – SEMESTER ONE
CRIMINAL LAW I

COURSE DETAILS			
Course Code	LW 1052		
Course Title	CRIMINAL LAW I		
Course Type	Core		
Credits	02		
Hours Allotted	Theory	15	Total 45
	Practical	-	
	Assignments/ Tutorials	30	
AIM			
To introduce fundamental aspects of Criminal Law in order to offer the students a theoretical base on crime and punishment. General Defences and Mitigatory Defences are also focused on in this course of study.			
INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES			
Learners should be able to:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • define crime in the legal paradigm • identify General Defences and Mitigatory Defences and their relationship to the administration of criminal justice • analyze the role of the state in the administration of criminal justice 			
COURSE CONTENTS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition of Crime , Elements of Crime, Doctrine of Strict Liability 2. General Defences: Insanity, Automation, Intoxication, Duration necessity , Private Defences, Mistake, Superior orders, Accident, Children, Consent 3. Mitigatory Defences: Diminished Responsibility, Sudden Provocation Excess of Private Defence, Death of infant caused by mother 4. Common Intention 5. Theories of Punishment 6. Crime and the Role of the State 			
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA			% OF MARKS
Semester- end Examination:			70
Assignments:			20
Class Quizzes:			10

RECOMMENDED READING

1. Peiris, GL General Principles of Criminal Liability
2. Peiris, GL Offences under Penal Code
3. Johnnes, Cran Introduction to Criminal Law
4. William, Granville. Textbook of Criminal Law