

JUST 2020 CRIMINAL LAW FOR POLICING

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102690

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Description Knowledge of the criminal law is useful to state and federal police forces, government and private organisations, military police, private investigators, anti-corruption agencies, and in industries such as banking and insurance. All have a vested interest in preventing, detecting and investigating breaches of the criminal law through a policy framework. This subject introduces students to the common criminal offences encountered by police officers, with a focus on those investigating breaches of the criminal law rather than those prosecuting or defending. Common elements of Australian (particularly NSW legislation) and international jurisdictions and Commonwealth legislation are covered.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Police Studies

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Incompatible Subjects CULT 2006 - Evidence Investigations and Police Intelligence

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Describe the basic elements of a range of commonly used criminal offences.
2. Apply the basic elements of commonly used criminal offences to scenarios to determine the offence.
3. Distinguish the different sources and jurisdictions of criminal offences.
4. Explain the legal reasoning of the courts in interpreting the criminal statutes.

Subject Content

Common offences of the Crimes Act 40/1900 (NSW)

Common offences of the Drug Misuse & Trafficking Act 25/1985 (NSW)

Selected offences of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Commonwealth)

General and partial defences to criminal offences

Statutory law and common law offences

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Presentation	10 mins and 300 words	15	N	Individual	Y
Case Study	700 words	20	N	Individual	Y
Portfolio	1500 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Multiple Choice	75 questions	25	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Brown, D 2020, Brown, Farrier, Neal and Weisbrots Criminal Laws: Materials and commentary on criminal law and process in New South Wales, 7th ed., Federation Press, Annandale, NSW.

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025) Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Liverpool

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