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## Course Description: Criminal Law (E2)

### 1- Basic Information:

<b>Course Name</b>	Criminal Law (E2)
<b>Course ID</b>	CL404
<b>Contact Hours (Registered Sessions)</b>	24
<b>Contact Hours (Synchronized Sessions)</b>	28
<b>Study hours</b>	--
<b>Exam</b>	2
<b>Registered Sessions Work Load</b>	16
<b>Synchronized Session Work Load</b>	30
<b>Credit Hours</b>	4
<b>Course Level</b>	4

### 2- Pre-Requisites:

Course	ID
Introduction to Law and Legal Systems (E1)	INT205

### 3- Course General Objectives:

Learners will be introduced to the main principles of Criminal Law and criminal responsibility in British and American legal systems in English. Learners will understand about crimes committed against persons, property and others. Learners will be able to analyze elements of a crime, and know the penalties associated. They will also understand

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issues of burden of proof, defenses and penalties in criminal law. Learners will be able to have a general view of various kind of crimes, from crimes against persons to crimes against property, financial crimes and crimes against public order and the state. Learners will acquire the necessary terminology in English in the field of criminal law which will help them to look at other sources written in English

#### 4- Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO):

Code	Intended Learning Outcomes
<b>ILO1</b>	Defining Criminal law and explain its sources
<b>ILO2</b>	Explain penalties and their importance and justifications
<b>ILO3</b>	Understanding the elements of a crime, Actus Reus and Mens Rea
<b>ILO4</b>	Understanding criminal liability and concurrence of Actus Reus with Mens Rea
<b>ILO5</b>	Analyzing causation and harm in criminal law
<b>ILO6</b>	Understanding the burden of proof and its types and degrees
<b>ILO7</b>	Understanding types of defenses in criminal trials
<b>ILO8</b>	Identifying parties to criminal liability and degrees of their liability
<b>ILO9</b>	Classifying crimes according their nature, severity and penalties
<b>ILO10</b>	Understanding crimes against property

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<b>ILO11</b>	Understanding crimes against persons
<b>ILO12</b>	Understanding non-fatal crimes against persons
<b>ILO13</b>	Understanding other crimes like financial crimes of fraud and other
<b>ILO14</b>	Understanding other types of crimes against national security, public order and the state

**5- Course Syllabus** (24 hours of total Recorded Sessions, 28 hours of total synchronized sessions)

- **RS:** Recorded Sessions; **SS:** Synchronized Sessions;

ILO	Course Syllabus	RS	SS	Type	Additional Notes
<b>ILO1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of Criminal Law and the difference between it and civil law</li> <li>• Sources of criminal law</li> <li>• Purpose of criminal law</li> </ul>	1	2	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Exercises</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assignments</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the importance of penalties in criminal law</li> <li>• Understand justification of penalties</li> </ul>	1	2	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Exercises</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assignments</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the impact of penalties on offenders and on society</li> </ul>				
<b>ILO3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining crime</li> <li>• Elements of a crime</li> <li>• Actus Reus</li> <li>• Mens Rea and its types</li> </ul>	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Liability</li> <li>• How is criminal liability established and proven</li> <li>• Concurrence of actus reus and mens rea</li> </ul>	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain causation and its types</li> <li>• Explain harm in criminal law</li> </ul>	1	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concept of burden of proof</li> </ul>	1	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze types of proof</li> </ul>			<input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain types of defenses in criminal trials</li> <li>Explain use of defenses</li> </ul>	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Exercises</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assignments</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain parties of criminal liability</li> <li>Degrees of liability</li> </ul>	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Exercises</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assignments</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classify crimes according to their nature</li> <li>Classify crimes according to their severity</li> <li>Classify crimes according to their subject and impact</li> <li>Inchoate crimes</li> </ul>	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Exercises</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assignments</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	

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<b>ILO10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classify Crimes by subject</li> <li>Understand :</li> <li>• Crimes against property</li> </ul>	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crimes against persons</li> <li>• Homicide</li> <li>• Murder</li> <li>• manslaughter</li> </ul>	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of non-fatal crimes against persons</li> <li>Understanding:</li> <li>• Battery and assault</li> <li>• Slavery</li> <li>• Human trafficking</li> <li>• Sexual offences</li> </ul>	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand financial crimes/Fraud</li> </ul>	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain crimes of fraud, embezzlement, money laundering...etc</li> </ul>			<input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<b>ILO14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain crimes against public order, National security, and the state</li> <li>• Introducing crimes against national security (sedition, espionage, treason.</li> <li>• Explain crimes against public order and the state: drugs, terrorism, riot...etc)</li> </ul>	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Exercises</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assignments</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	

## 6- Assessment Criteria (Related to ILOs)

<b>ISC</b>	Interactive Synchronized Collaboration	<b>Ex</b>	Exams	<b>Rpt</b>	Reports
<b>PF2F</b>	Presentations and Face-to-Face Assessments	<b>PW</b>	Practice Work		

ILO Code	ILO	Intended Results	Assessment Type				
			ISC	PW	Ex	PF 2F	Rpt
<b>ILO1</b>	Defining Criminal law and explain its sources	Ability to define criminal law and to distinguish between it and civil law.	X	X	X		

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		Ability to explain sources of criminal law					
<b>ILO2</b>	Explain penalties and their importance and justifications	Ability to know the importance of penalties in criminal law, their justifications and rationale and their impact on society	X	X	X		
<b>ILO3</b>	Understanding the elements of a crime, Actus Reus and Mens Rea	Ability to define crime and its elements and describe the actus reus and mens rea	X	X	X		
<b>ILO4</b>	Understanding criminal liability and concurrence of Actus Reus with Mens Rea	<b>Understand</b> criminal liability and how it is established and the meaning of concurrence of actus reus and mens reus	X	X	X		
<b>ILO5</b>	Analyzing causation and harm in criminal law	<b>Explain</b> causation, its types and degrees, and understand the concept of harm in criminal law	X	X	X		
<b>ILO6</b>	Understanding the burden of proof and its types and degrees	Understand the burden of proof and analyze its elements	X	X	X		



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<b>ILO7</b>	Understanding types of defenses in criminal trials	Ability to explain types of defenses and its uses	X	X	X		
<b>ILO8</b>	Identifying parties to criminal liability and degrees of their liability	Understand the meaning of parties to a crime and explain the degree of liability of these parties	X	X	X		
<b>ILO9</b>	Classifying crimes according their nature, severity and penalties	Ability to classify crimes per their nature, gravity, subjects and impact Understand inchoate crimes	X	X	X		
<b>ILO10</b>	Understanding crimes against property	Understand more about crimes as per their subject Explain crimes against property					
<b>ILO11</b>	Understanding crimes against persons	Understand crimes against persons Understand homicide and its different types Distinguish between murder and manslaughter					
<b>ILO12</b>	Understanding non-fatal crimes against persons	Understand non-fatal crimes against persons					

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		Define and explain battery, assault, kidnapping, human trafficking, sexual offences...etc					
<b>ILO13</b>	Understanding other crimes like financial crimes of fraud and other	Understand financial crimes of fraud Understand crimes like embezzlement and money laundering					
<b>ILO14</b>	Understanding other types of crimes against national security, public order and the state	Understand and explain the meaning of crimes against public order, national security and the state and understand the difference between them Explain some of these crimes, such as, treason, sedition, espionage, riot, unlawful assembly...etc					

## 7- Practice Tools:

Tool Name	Description
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