

BA (Hons) Law & Criminal Justice (F/T) - LM313

1. Context and Objectives

The undergraduate BA (Hons) Law & Criminal Justice programme offers an excellent opportunity to gain a legal education with courses taught in both law and criminal justice. It intends to give a thorough grounding in the principles of law but at the same time bridges the gap between theory and practice. It leads to a bilingual law degree designed to provide excellent foundational legal knowledge to students.

The programme also provides an excellent education to those who wish to join other professions where an extensive legal background is necessary.

2. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, a student will be expected to:

- recognise the causes and consequences of crime;
- describe the institutions and processes of the criminal justice system;
- apply theories of crime to explain actual and hypothetical scenarios, behaviours, and trends;
- discuss the various social science methods of inquiry and use these to test specific criminological research questions and
- identify inequities in criminal justice processes by race, social class, gender, religion and age.

3. Teaching and Learning Methods

This programme will be taught through a combination of face-to-face lectures, tutorials and online training and seminars including discussion forums, web-based research through available open educational resources and online assessments. The teaching methods focus on practical as well as theoretical means with a view to develop the analytical and critical skills of students that are essential for the workplace.

With a wide range of modules available on the programme including work-based learning placements and a variety of assessment methods such as simulated court proceedings, advocacy and presentation, students will be able to discover the academic areas where their true interests lie.

A typical semester module will carry 6 LCCS credits which represent 180 notional learning hours broken down as follows: 30 hours of teaching, 60 hours of self-study and 90 hours of other learning activities.

A typical yearly module will carry 12 LCCS credits which represent 360 notional hours broken down as follows: 60 hours of teaching, 120 hours of self-study and 180 hours of other learning activities.

4. Entry Requirements

- ***General Requirements***

As per General Entry Requirements for admission to the University for Undergraduate Degrees.

- ***Programme Requirements***

Credit in French at 'O' Level or equivalent.

5. **Programme Duration**

Detail	Normal (Years)	Maximum (Years)
Degree	3	5

6. **Minimum LCCS Credits Required:**

For Degree Award

216 LCCS Credits

For each Academic Year

Minimum: 36 LCCS Credits Maximum: 96 LCCS Credits

7. **Assessment and Deadlines**

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Continuous Assessment: 40% - 50%

Assessment will be based on a written examination of 2-hour (for a semester module) or 3-hour (for a yearly module) duration as specified and continuous assessment carrying a range of 40% to 50% of total marks. Continuous assessment will be based on two (2) assignments and should include at least one class test per module per year.

Examinations: 50% - 60%

For a student to pass a module, an overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination.

Most modules in the structure are **yearly modules** which are taught over a period of two semesters and examined at the end of the second semester only. There are continuous assessments over the period of two semesters and the written examination will be of a duration of 3 hours for a yearly module of 12 LCCS Credits.

Some modules in the structure are run over 10 weeks and carry 6 LCCS Credits. The assessment of such modules will consist of continuous assessment and an examination of duration of 2 hrs at the end of the semester in which the module is run.

Written examination and continuous assessment would each carry a weighting of 50% each for the module Research Methods in Criminal Justice - LAWS 2224Y(5).

Alternative modes of assessment in terms of mini-projects and oral presentations will be offered where appropriate.

Students should complete at least 3 months' Practical Training over the whole duration of the programme. Upon successful completion of the training, Grade S will be assigned for the award of the degree.

Submission deadline for Dissertation: Three copies of the dissertation (two spiral-bound copies and one copy on electronic storage media) should be submitted to the Faculty Registry not later than the last week day of March of the academic year by **4.00 p.m. at latest.**

8. List of Modules

CORE MODULES

Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	Self-study Hrs	Other Learning Hrs	LCCS Credits
LAWS 1024Y(1)	Introduction to Criminal Law	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 1026Y(1)	Introduction to Mauritian Law	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 1027Y(1)	Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 1028Y(1)	Introduction au Droit Civil	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 1029Y(1)	Youth Crime	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 1125(1)	Public Law (Semester 1)	2+1	30	60	90	6
LAWS 2231Y(3)	Legal Aspects of White Collar Crimes	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 2222Y(3)	Criminal Process	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 2225Y(3)	Crime Management and Prevention	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 2223Y(5)	Principles of Criminology	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 2224Y(5)	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 3110Y(5)	Principles of the Law of Evidence	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 3111Y(5)	Principles of Victimology	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 3114Y(5)	Alternative Dispute Resolution in Criminal Justice	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 3115Y(5)	Offender Profiling and Forensic Evidence	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 3002Y(5)	Dissertation	-	60	120	180	12
LAWS 3300	Practical Training	-				-

ELECTIVE MODULES

Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	Self-study Hrs	Other Learning Hrs	LCCS Credits
LAWS 1126(1)	International Criminal Law (Semester 2)	2+1	30	60	90	6
LAWS 1127(1)	Penology (Semester 2)	2+1	30	60	90	6
LAWS 2226Y(3)	Policing	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 2227Y(3)	The Philosophy of Law	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 3221(3)	Constitutional Rights of Detainees & Victims (Semester 2)	2+1	30	60	90	6
LAWS 2229(3)	Human Rights (Semester 1)	2+1	30	60	90	6
LAWS 2228(5)	Understanding Offending Behaviour (Semester 1)	2+1	30	60	90	6
LAWS 3217(5)	International Humanitarian Law (Semester 2)	2+1	30	60	90	6
LAWS 3201(5)	Jurisprudence (Semester 1)	2+1	30	60	90	6
LAWS 3224(5)	Legal Issues of Vulnerable Groups (Semester 2)	2+1	30	60	90	6

9. Programme Plan - BA (Hons) Law and Criminal Justice

YEAR 1

Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	LCCS Credits
<u>CORE</u>				
LAWS 1024Y(1)	Introduction to Criminal Law	2+1	60	12
LAWS 1026Y(1)	Introduction to Mauritian Law	2+1	60	12
LAWS 1027Y(1)	Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice	2+1	60	12
LAWS 1028Y(1)	Introduction au Droit Civil	2+1	60	12
LAWS 1029Y(1)	Youth Crime	2+1	60	12
LAWS 1125(1)	Public Law (Semester 1)	2+1	30	6

ELECTIVES (choose 1 among the 2 being offered)

Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	LCCS Credits
LAWS 1126(1)	International Criminal Law (Semester 2)	2+1	30	6
LAWS 1127(1)	Penology (Semester 2)	2+1	30	6
Sub Total				72

YEAR 2

Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	LCCS Credits
<u>CORE</u>				
LAWS 2231Y(3)	Legal Aspects of White Collar Crimes	2+1	60	12
LAWS 2222Y(3)	Criminal Process	2+1	60	12
LAWS 2223Y(5)	Principles of Criminology	2+1	60	12
LAWS 2224Y(5)	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	2+1	60	12
LAWS 2225Y(3)	Crime Management and Prevention	2+1	60	12

ELECTIVES (choose either 2 semester electives or 1 yearly elective)

Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	LCCS Credits
LAWS 2226Y(3)	Policing	2+1	60	12
LAWS 2227Y(3)	The Philosophy of Law	2+1	60	12
LAWS 3221(3)	Constitutional Rights of Detainees & Victims (Semester 2)	2+1	30	6
LAWS 2229(3)	Human Rights (Semester 1)	2+1	30	6
Sub Total				72

YEAR 3

Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	LCCS Credits
<u>CORE</u>				
LAWS 3110Y(5)	Principles of the Law of Evidence	2+1	60	12
LAWS 3111Y(5)	Principles of Victimology	2+1	60	12
LAWS 3114Y(5)	Alternative Dispute Resolution in Criminal Justice	2+1	60	12
LAWS 3115Y(5)	Offender Profiling and Forensic Evidence	2+1	60	12
LAWS 3002Y(5)	Dissertation	-	60	12
LAWS 3300	Practical Training	-	-	-

ELECTIVES: (choose 2 semester modules)

LAWS 2228(5)	Understanding Offending Behaviour (Semester 1)	2+1	30	6
LAWS 3217(5)	International Humanitarian Law (Semester 2)	2+1	30	6
LAWS 3201(5)	Jurisprudence (Semester 1)	2+1	30	6
LAWS 3224(5)	Legal Issues of Vulnerable Groups (Semester 2)	2+1	30	6
LAWS 3002Y(5)	Dissertation is compulsory and is worth 12 LCCS Credits.			
Sub Total				72
Grand Total				216