

BA (Hons) Law & Criminal Justice - LM313

1. 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. General Entry Requirements

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

3. Programme Requirement

Credit in French at 'O' Level or equivalent.

4. Programme Duration

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

5. Credits per year: Minimum 18, Maximum 48 subject to Regulation 4.

6. Minimum Credits Required for Award of Undergraduate Degree: 108

Breakdown as follows:

Degree	Minimum credits for core taught modules	Dissertation	Elect	To
BA (Hons) Law & Criminal Justice	87	6	15	108

The University reserves the right not to offer a given elective module if the critical number of students is not attained and/or for reasons of resource constraints.

7. Assessment

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

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 20% to 30% of total marks. Continuous assessment will be based on two (2) assignments and should include at least one class test per module per year.

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 6 credits.

Some modules in the structure are run over 15 weeks and carry 3 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	Hrs/Wk	Credits
		L+P	
LAWS 1024Y(1)	Introduction to Criminal Law	3+0	6
LAWS 1026Y(1)	Introduction to Mauritian Law	3+0	6
LAWS 1027Y(1)	Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice	3+0	6
LAWS 1028Y(1)	Introduction au Droit Civil	3+0	6
LAWS 1029Y(1)	Youth Crime	3+0	6
LAWS 1125(1)	Public Law (Semester 1)	3+0	3
LAWS 2231Y(3)	Legal Aspects of White Collar Crimes	3+0	6
LAWS 2222Y(3)	Criminal Process	3+0	6
LAWS 2223Y(5)	Principles of Criminology	3+0	6
LAWS 2224Y(5)	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3+0	6
LAWS 2225Y(3)	Crime Management and Prevention	3+0	6
LAWS 3110Y(5)	Principles of the Law of Evidence	3+0	6
LAWS 3111Y(5)	Principles of Victimology	3+0	6
LAWS 3114Y(5)	Alternative Dispute Resolution in Criminal Justice	3+0	6
LAWS 3115Y(5)	Offender Profiling and Forensic Evidence	3+0	6
LAWS 3002Y(5)	Dissertation	-	6
LAWS 3300	Practical Training	-	-

ELECTIVE MODULES

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
		L+P	
LAWS 1126(1)	International Criminal Law (Semester 2)	3+0	3
LAWS 1127(1)	Penology (Semester 2)	3+0	3
LAWS 2226Y(3)	Policing	3+0	6
LAWS 2227Y(3)	The Philosophy of Law	3+0	6
LAWS 2228(5)	Understanding Offending Behaviour (Semester 1)	3+0	3
LAWS 2229(3)	Human Rights (Semester 1)	3+0	3
LAWS 3201(5)	Jurisprudence (Semester 1)	3+0	3
LAWS 3217(5)	International Humanitarian Law (Semester 2)	3+0	3
LAWS 3224(5)	Legal Issues of Vulnerable Groups (Semester 2)	3+0	3
LAWS 3227(3)	Constitutional Rights of Detainees & Victims (Semester 2)	3+0	3

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

YEAR 1

CORE

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
LAWS 1024Y(1)	Introduction to Criminal Law	3+0	6
LAWS 1026Y(1)	Introduction to Mauritian Law	3+0	6
LAWS 1027Y(1)	Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice	3+0	6
LAWS 1028Y(1)	Introduction au Droit Civil	3+0	6
LAWS 1029Y(1)	Youth Crime	3+0	6
LAWS 1125(1)	Public Law (Semester 1)	3+0	3

ELECTIVES: (choose 1 among the 2 being offered)

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
LAWS 1126(1)	International Criminal Law (Semester 2)	3+0	3
LAWS 1127(1)	Penology (Semester 2)	3+0	3

YEAR 2

CORE

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
LAWS 2231Y(3)	Legal Aspects of White Collar Crimes	3+0	6
LAWS 2222Y(3)	Criminal Process	3+0	6
LAWS 2223Y(5)	Principles of Criminology	3+0	6
LAWS 2224Y(5)	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3+0	6
LAWS 2225Y(3)	Crime Management and Prevention	3+0	6

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

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
LAWS 2226Y(3)	Policing	3+0	6
LAWS 2227Y(3)	The Philosophy of Law	3+0	6
LAWS 3227(3)	Constitutional Rights of Detainees & Victims (Semester 2)	3+0	3
LAWS 2229(3)	Human Rights (Semester 1)	3+0	3

YEAR 3

CORE

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
LAWS 3110Y(5)	Principles of the Law of Evidence	3+0	6
LAWS 3111Y(5)	Principles of Victimology	3+0	6
LAWS 3114Y(5)	Alternative Dispute Resolution in Criminal Justice	3+0	6
LAWS 3115Y(5)	Offender Profiling and Forensic Evidence	3+0	6
LAWS 3002Y(5)	Dissertation	-	6
LAWS 3300	Practical Training	-	-

ELECTIVES: (choose 2 semester modules)

LAWS 2228(5)	Understanding Offending Behaviour (Semester 1)	3+0	3
LAWS 3217(5)	International Humanitarian Law (Semester 2)	3+0	3
LAWS 3201(5)	Jurisprudence (Semester 1)	3+0	3
LAWS 3224(5)	Legal Issues of Vulnerable Groups (Semester 2)	3+0	3
LAWS 3002Y(5)	Dissertation is compulsory and is worth 6 credits.		

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