

LLB Criminal Evidence



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Module description:

This module explores the rules and principles that regulate the trial stage of the criminal process. The module is socio-legal in its approach, placing as much emphasis on the theoretical and political context of rules as the content of those rules. It also challenges students to consider a normative agenda. Topics to be covered include the following;

- Models of proof
- Adversarial techniques
- Principles of criminal evidence
- Burden and standard of proof

- Relevance
- Inferences and Bayesian reasoning

In addition, a number of specific evidential rules will be examined. This may include: vulnerable witnesses, character evidence, hearsay evidence, double jeopardy, confessions and improperly obtained evidence.