**LAW 1208 CRIMINAL LIABILITY**

**Course Description**

The course consists of a study of the nature and elements of crimes specified in the Penal Code and other legislations. A great deal of emphasis is put on the study of case law in order that the students understand how the law of crime is interpreted by the courts.

**Course Content**

The offences to cover are the following, namely offences Against the Person, Offences Relating to Property, Offences against Public Order, Offences Against the Administration of Lawful Authority, Offences Against Public Tranquility, Offences Against Morality, Forgery and Similar Offences, Offences Against Liberty, Corruption, Abuse of Office and Similar offences, Offences against the State, Offences Injurious to the Public in General, and Malicious Injuries to Property, Penal provisions outside the Penal Code Act.

**Course Objectives**

1. To equip students with the classification of offences.
2. To understand the nature of and scope of specific offences as outlined in the Penal Code and other penal legislations.
3. To enable students to link Fundamentals of Criminal law (defenses available in criminal law) and Criminal liability.

**Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the course students should be able to understand:

1. The ingredients of crimes in the Penal Code.
2. Crimes outside the Penal Code.
3. Defences available to particular charges.

**Methods of Instruction**

1. At the commencement of the course, students are availed with reading lists, which indicate the topics to be covered, and the respective reading materials for the respective topics. It is expected that the student uses this list in preparation for each lecture.
2. The students are introduced to each topic and guided on the principles therein. Students are further encouraged to also formulate their problems for discussion during the lectures.

**Assessment**

1. A coursework will be administered during the coursework week to be marked out of 30 marks.
2. An examination will be given at the end of the semester to be marked out of 70 marks.