Access to Higher Education Unit

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Unit Title: Homicide

Graded Unit Reference Number: GA33LAW12

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UA33LAW12

Module: Law

Level: Three (3)

Credit Value: Three (3)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 30

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):		Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):	
1.	Understand the legal principles relating to homicide	1.1	Explain the *actus reus* and *mens rea* of murder
		1.2	Explain the defences of diminished responsibility and loss of control
		1.3	Discuss the requirements for a conviction for involuntary manslaughter
2.	Understand how the legal principles relating to homicide are applied	2.1	Illustrate the operation of the legal principles relating to a homicide case
		2.2	Apply the legal principles relating to homicide accurately making reference to appropriate authoritative sources
3.	Understand sentencing options	3.1	Explain what is meant by a life sentence
		3.2	Discuss the sentencing options for cases of manslaughter

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