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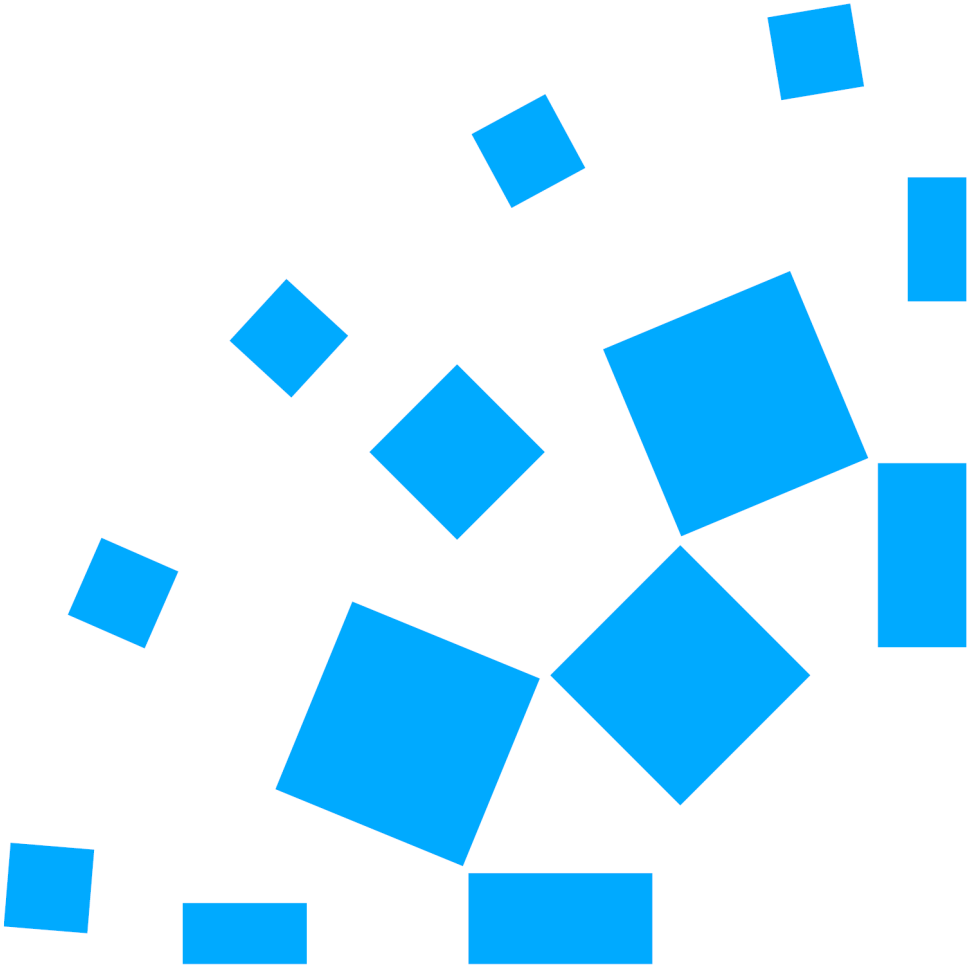
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Subject area breakdown

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Course	Skill	Subject
General principles, powers and procedures	Actus reus (criminal conduct)	Intervening act
General principles, powers and procedures	Actus reus (criminal conduct)	Omissions
General principles, powers and procedures	Actus reus (criminal conduct)	Principals and accessories
General principles, powers and procedures	Actus reus (criminal conduct)	Voluntary act
General principles, powers and procedures	Court procedure and witnesses	Cross-examination
General principles, powers and procedures	Court procedure and witnesses	Single justice procedure
General principles, powers and procedures	Court procedure and witnesses	Witnesses
General principles, powers and procedures	Disclosure of evidence	Disclosure Code of Practice – 3: General responsibilities

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General principles, powers and procedures	Disclosure of evidence	Disclosure Code of Practice – 4: Recording of information
General principles, powers and procedures	Disclosure of evidence	Disclosure Code of Practice – 10: Disclosure of material to accused
General principles, powers and procedures	Diversity, equality and inclusion	Employees and applicants
General principles, powers and procedures	Entry, search and seizure	Code B-2: General
General principles, powers and procedures	Entry, search and seizure	Code B-6: Searching premises – general considerations
General principles, powers and procedures	Identification	Code D: 4 Identification by fingerprints and footwear impressions
General principles, powers and procedures	Identification	Code D, Annex E: Showing photographs to eye-witnesses
General principles, powers and procedures	Instituting criminal proceedings	Execution of warrants

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General principles, powers and procedures	Instituting criminal proceedings	Issue of warrants
General principles, powers and procedures	Instituting criminal proceedings	Written charge and requisition
General principles, powers and procedures	Interviews	Code C, Annex D: Written statements under caution
General principles, powers and procedures	Interviews	Code E-3: Interview recording using removable recording media device
General principles, powers and procedures	Interviews	Code E-4: Interview recording using secure digital recording network device
General principles, powers and procedures	Mens rea (state of mind)	Malice
General principles, powers and procedures	Mens rea (state of mind)	Recklessness
General principles, powers and procedures	Mens rea (state of mind)	Strict liability

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General principles, powers and procedures	Mens rea (state of mind)	Transferred <i>mens rea</i>
General principles, powers and procedures	Release of person arrested	Grounds for refusing police bail
General principles, powers and procedures	Release of person arrested	Police bail restrictions
General principles, powers and procedures	Release of person arrested	Pre-charge release of person arrested and bail
General principles, powers and procedures	The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000	Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS): Definition
General principles, powers and procedures	The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000	Covert surveillance
Serious crime and other offences	Child protection	Child abduction
Serious crime and other offences	Child protection	Child cruelty
Serious crime and other offences	Cybercrime	The Data Protection Act 2018
Serious crime and other offences	Domestic violence and abuse	Court orders

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Serious crime and other offences	Domestic violence and abuse	Definition of domestic abuse
Serious crime and other offences	Firearms and gun crime	Further firearms offences
Serious crime and other offences	Hatred and harassment offences	The harassment offences
Serious crime and other offences	Hatred and harassment offences	The stalking offences
Serious crime and other offences	Homicide	Causing or allowing a child or vulnerable adult to die or suffer serious physical harm
Serious crime and other offences	Homicide	Voluntary manslaughter and 'special defences'
Serious crime and other offences	Misuse of drugs	Classification
Serious crime and other offences	Misuse of drugs	Psychoactive and intoxicating substances
Serious crime and other offences	Misuse of drugs	Supplying
Serious crime and other offences	Non-fatal offences against the person	Assault
Serious crime and other offences	Non-fatal offences against the person	Consent

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Serious crime and other offences	Offences involving the deprivation of liberty	Slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour
Serious crime and other offences	Public order offences	Fear or provocation of violence
Serious crime and other offences	Racially and religiously aggravated offences	Membership
Property offences	Aggravated burglary	Firearm, weapon of offence or explosive
Property offences	Blackmail	Meaning of gain and loss
Property offences	Burglary	Intentions at the time of entry
Property offences	Burglary	Section 9(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968
Property offences	Criminal damage	Threats to destroy or damage property
Property offences	Fraud	Obtaining services dishonestly
Property offences	Handling stolen goods	Meaning of 'goods' and 'stolen goods'
Property offences	Proceeds of crime	Criminal conduct
Property offences	Robbery	Robbery
Property offences	Theft	Belonging to another
Sexual offences	Offences relating to prostitution	Brothels and keeping a disorderly house

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Sexual offences	Preparatory offences	Committing criminal offence with intent to commit a sexual offence
Sexual offences	Preparatory offences	Trespass with intent to commit sexual offence
Sexual offences	Rape	Conditional consent
Sexual offences	Rape	Consent
Sexual offences	Rape	Rape
Sexual offences	Sexual assault	Assault by penetration
Sexual offences	Sexual assault	Sexual assault
Sexual offences	Sexual assault	The definition of the term 'touching'
Sexual offences	Sexual offences	Anonymity
Sexual offences	Sexual offences against people with a mental disorder impeding choice	Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a person with a mental disorder impeding choice
Sexual offences	Sexual offences against people with a mental disorder impeding choice	Sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder impeding choice

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- General principles, powers and procedures – 5
- Serious crime and other offences – 4
- Property offences – 1
- Sexual offences – 0

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