

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Understanding Contemporary Social Issues  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **3503PSHBC** (128096)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
Teaching School/Faculty: Hugh Baird College

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ3      **Credit Value:** 20      **Total Delivered Hours:** 33  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 167

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Workshop	11

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	AS1	Annotated bibliography (3 x 500 words)	50	1
Essay	AS2	Essay 1000 words	50	1

### Aims

*This module introduces students to relevant and contemporary issues in society.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify key social issues in the UK.
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of key concepts relating to inequality.
- 3 Demonstrate the ability to locate and provide academic evidence relevant to understanding of social issues.
- 4 Describe the impact of key thinkers in understanding contemporary social issues.

### **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Annotated bibliography	2	3
Essay 1000 words	1	4

### **Outline Syllabus**

*Key sociological thinkers*  
*Poverty and Inequality*  
*Migration and Trafficking*  
*Diversity and Discrimination*  
*Gangs and Organised Crime*  
*Educational achievement*

### **Learning Activities**

Workshops  
Lectures

### **Notes**

This module provides a sociological context for students to understand the key contemporary social issues affecting the UK.