

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Inside The Criminal Justice System
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ4
Credit Value: 24
Total Delivered Hours: 79.5
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 160.5

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	52
Workshop	26

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay	40	
Exam	AS2	1.5hr Exam	40	1.5
Portfolio	AS3	Evidence of reading and preparation	20	

Aims

- *Introduce students to, and develop their understanding of, key institutions and processes in the criminal justice system.*
- *Introduce students to, and develop their understanding of, key concepts in the study of the criminal justice system.*

- *Develop students understanding of historical and contemporary developments in the criminal justice system.*
- *Examine major features of the 'system' and key controversies about major institutions within the system.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Distinguish between the main concepts deployed in the study of the criminal justice system and demonstrate familiarity with the main sources of information regarding the criminal justice system.
- 2 Describe the key features of the functioning of the main institutions and evidence understanding of those points of interaction between institutions that give rise to central controversies.
- 3 Provide a preliminary analysis of the overall system in terms of its effectiveness and compatibility with human rights considerations.
- 4 Demonstrate appropriately scholarly engagement with the module by providing evidence of preparation and attendance

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	1	
1.5hr Exam	2	3
Portfolio	4	

Outline Syllabus

Introduction: Thinking Critically about Criminal Justice Policing.
Crime Prevention Strategies
Prosecution and diversion.
Courts and sentencing.
Prisons and Punishment
Community Justice and Rehabilitation
Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice

Learning Activities

The course is delivered by weekly lectures supported by seminars.

Students are encouraged to monitor their own learning in this course through their Personal Development Plans.

Lectures and online learning materials will be used to provide an overview of each topic. The lectures will be delivered by the course team and, on occasion, guest speakers from different relevant professional backgrounds, with particular expertise in aspects of the curriculum.

Workshops will be used as a space for students to explore and discuss issues in small groups.

Students will be expected to engage in self-directed learning to develop their knowledge of the field and to prepare for lectures and seminars.

Notes

This course provides an introduction to key concepts in the study of the 'criminal justice system' and examines major features of and controversies about its main institutions and processes. The course develops students' understanding of the key institutions and processes in the criminal justice system. It also examines the major features of the 'system' and key controversies about major institutions within it.