

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CRIMINOLOGY  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **4001CRIM** (114353)  
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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:** 12.00  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 24.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120  
**Private Study:** 96

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12.000
Tutorial	12.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	1500 word essay.	100.0	

### Aims

*Explore constructions and representations of the criminal, crime and social control, as well as the role of the state and the media in shaping our understanding of crime and deviance.*

*Examine the impacts of social structures of age, class, race and gender on offending and victimisation.*

*Consider the contribution of criminological theory to our understanding of a range of contemporary crime issues.*

*Reflect upon the relative merits and weaknesses of the laws, policies and interventions enacted to address these contemporary crime issues.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Appreciate the varieties of criminal and other socially harmful activities.
- 2 Recognise the various concepts and theories used in criminology that seeks to explain these activities,
- 3 Appreciate that these activities generate responses at local, national and international levels within and beyond the state.
- 4 Recognise a variety of competing interpretations of crime and crime control.
- 5 Describe the various social divisions which structure definitions and effects of crime, harm and criminal justice.
- 6 Situate criminological knowledge in relation to a range of cognate disciplines.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

1500 word essay.                    1    2    3    4    5    6

## Outline Syllabus

*Introduction: Crime and Social Life.*

*Who are the criminals?*

*Crime and the media.*

*A range of Contemporary Issues of Crime and Crime Control.*

## Learning Activities

This module is taught on the basis of a 1-hour lecture and a 1-hour tutorial. The lecture will comprise 'traditional' lecturing and structured use of media and other resources. The seminars will involve small group discussions and structured activities.

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Bennett, T & Holloway, K.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2005
<b>Title</b>	Understanding Drugs, Alcohol and Crime.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Maidenhead, Open University Press.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	D'Cruze, S. Walklate, S. & Pegg, S.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2006
<b>Title</b>	Murder
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Cullompton, Willan
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Hale, C. Hayward, K, Wahidin, A. & Wincup, E. (eds)
<b>Publishing Year</b>	0
<b>Title</b>	Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford, Oxford University Press.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Jewkes, Y.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2004
<b>Title</b>	Media and Crime
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London, Sage.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Newburn, T.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007
<b>Title</b>	Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Cullompton, Willan
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Thomas, T.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2005
<b>Title</b>	Sex Crime.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Cullompton, Willan.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
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<b>Author</b>	Alder, C. & Worrall, A. (eds)
<b>Publishing Year</b>	0
<b>Title</b>	Girls' Violence Myths and Realities.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	New York, SUNY Press.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Yar, M.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2006
<b>Title</b>	Cybercrime.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London, Sage.
<b>ISBN</b>	

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### Notes

Through a focus on contemporary crime issues, with which many students will have some familiarity through debates in the mass media, this course will provide students with a foundation for understanding the multi-disciplinary field of criminology.