

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DOING CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **4003CRIM** (114359)  
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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:** 42.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120      **Private Study:** 78

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	21.000
Online	10.000
Seminar	11.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS2	Group Presentation.	50.0	
Presentation	AS1	Outline of Group Presentation. 1000 words.	50.0	

### Aims

1. To introduce to students a range of methods used in criminological research.
2. To indicate the various strengths and weaknesses of these methods, and the types of research questions for which some are more/less feasible.
3. To impress upon students the 'real world' of criminological research through the use of case studies based upon researchers' and practitioners' own experiences.
4. To emphasise the politicised nature of criminological research.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Recognise a variety of criminological research methods.
- 2 Understand some of the key strengths and weaknesses of a variety of criminological research methods.
- 3 Identify the various ways in which 'real world' research proceeds.
- 4 Demonstrate skills of understanding and communication through preparation for and oral presentation of group assignment.
- 5 Identify the key mechanisms of criminological knowledge production.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Group Presentation.	1	4	5
Outline of Group Presentation	2	3	

## Outline Syllabus

*Criminological Research: theory, policy, practice.*  
*Quantitative Methods in Criminological Research.*  
*Qualitative Methods in Criminological Research.*  
*Case Studies in Quantitative in Criminological Research.*  
*The Politics of Criminological Research.*

## Learning Activities

Lectures, note-taking, participatory workshops, preparation for group presentation.

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Crow, I. & Semmens, N.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007
<b>Title</b>	Researching Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Milton Keynes, Open University Press.
<b>ISBN</b>	

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<b>Author</b>	Jupp, V. Davies, P. & Francis, P. (eds).
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2000
<b>Title</b>	Doing Criminological Research
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London, Sage.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	King, R. & Wincup, E. (eds).
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2000
<b>Title</b>	Doing Research on Crime and Justice
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford, Oxford University Press.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Noaks, L. & Wincup, E.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2004
<b>Title</b>	Criminological Research
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London, Sage.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Sapsford, R. (ed).
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1996
<b>Title</b>	Researching Crime and Criminal Justice
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Milton Keynes, Open University.
<b>ISBN</b>	

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## Notes

The module introduces a range of methods used in criminological research, their strengths, weaknesses and various applicability, focusing upon these both 'in the books' and in the real worlds of researchers' and practitioners' own experiences.