

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **4006LAWCJ** (107776)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2010

Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4      **Credit Value:** 12.00      **Total Delivered Hours:** 28.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120      **Private Study:** 92

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12.000
Online	6.000
Tutorial	4.000
Workshop	4.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS1	Group Presentation	50.0	
Exam	AS2	Exam - 1.5 Hours	50.0	2.00

### Aims

*To provide a basis for students' understanding of major theoretical positions within criminology.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 To investigate the development of criminological thought.
- 2 To develop awareness of the impact of social change.
- 3 To demonstrate how theories impact on policy and practice.

### Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

PRESENTATION	1	2	3
EXAM	1	2	3

### Outline Syllabus

*Introduction to the development of criminological theories:  
Classicist School & the Social Contract.  
The 'Appliance of Science' & The Emergence of Biological Positivism.  
Environmental Theories - 'The Chicago school'.  
The Learning of Crime - Differential Association.  
'No Strain, No Gain' Durkheim to Merton - The development of Anomie  
'Boyz in Gangz' - Subcultural Theories of Crime.  
Labelling theory: The stigmatising of the criminal and the questioning of the role of the state.  
Marxist Interpretations & Radical theories.  
Feminist Perspectives - The gender blindness of Criminology*

### Learning Activities

12 Lectures (12 hours), 4 Tutorials (4 hours), 1 Self-directed study week, 1 Group conference

### References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Jones, S
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2006
<b>Title</b>	Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	3rd Edition
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford, Oxford University Press.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
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<b>Author</b>	Maguire, M, Morgan, R & Reiner, R
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007
<b>Title</b>	Oxford Handbook of Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	4th Ed.
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford, OUP.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Tierney, J
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2006
<b>Title</b>	Criminology: Theory and Context
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	2nd Ed.
<b>Publisher</b>	Harlow, Longman
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Williams, K
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2008
<b>Title</b>	Textbook on Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	6th Ed.
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford, Oxford University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Vold, G, Bernard, T & Snipes, J
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2002
<b>Title</b>	Theoretical Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	5th Ed.
<b>Publisher</b>	New York, Oxford University Press.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	White, R & Haines, F
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2002
<b>Title</b>	Crime & Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	2nd Ed.
<b>Publisher</b>	South Melbourne, Oxford University Press.
<b>ISBN</b>	

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**Notes**

The module presents the development of criminological thought in a chronological progression. Major theorists will be introduced and their contribution to criminology will be discussed. This module will therefore provide the theoretical grounding necessary for students progression in the criminal justice programme, whilst also enabling them to discuss theory in practice.