

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: PSYCHOLOGY, CRIME AND LAW
Status: Definitive
Code: **4012LAWCJ** (119307)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2015

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

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ4
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 41.50
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 198

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	30.000
Workshop	10.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	exam	Exam will comprise 50 multiple choice questions, plus one essay-style question from a range of options	60.0	1.50
WoW Skills Bronze	WoW report	Report	10.0	
Presentation	PRES	Presentation	30.0	

Aims

To explore the relationship between Psychology and Law, by examining the history of Legal Psychology and the application of psychology to legal issues and procedures

To look critically at the role of the Forensic Psychologist in the Criminal Justice System by drawing on research from a variety of areas of psychological study
To examine the legal assumptions about human nature that underlie legal procedures and practices from a psychological perspective
To explore key concepts in psychological research, and consider the contribution that research has had on the practice of law and legal decision making.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify the relationships between psychology and law
- 2 Explain the historical developments of forensic and legal psychology
- 3 Show the ability to understand psychological explanations of criminality
- 4 Recognise critical issues in psychology and crime
- 5 Reflect upon the following aspects of personal development: strengths and weaknesses, motivations and values, ability to work with others

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

1.5 hour unseen exam	2	3	4
1000 word report	5		
15 minute group presentation	1	4	

Outline Syllabus

Key concepts in psychology
History of forensic and criminal psychology
Psychological explanations of criminality
Forensic psychology's role in criminal justice practice
Psychologists and psychology in the courtroom
The impact of psychology on the criminal law

Learning Activities

Lectures
Workshops
Sessions relating to the completion of the World of Work Bronze award
Self-study and critical reflection on the course materials provided

Notes

This module explores the relationship between Psychology and Law, by examining the history of Legal Psychology and the application of psychology to legal issues and procedures. Drawing on research from a variety of areas including biological, social, cognitive, and clinical psychology, we will look critically at the role of the psychology in the Criminal Justice System. Legal assumptions about human nature that underlie legal procedures and practices will be examined from a psychological perspective. The module will explore key concepts in psychological research and will consider the contribution that research has had on the practice of law and legal decision making.