

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Criminal Justice System
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ4
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 48
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 152

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	22
Tutorial	4

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay 1 - 1500 word essay on general foundations of criminal justice	50	
Essay	AS1	Essay 2 - 1500 word essay on specific contemporary issues in criminal justice	50	

Aims

To explore the social construction of crime

To examine the aims and values of the criminal justice process in England and Wales

To explore the various stages of criminal justice from policing to punishment

To examine the impact of the criminal justice process

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand the social construction of crime.
- 2 Show the ability to understand the criminal justice process.
- 3 Show the ability to take a position with regard to an area of criminal justice.
- 4 Show the ability to understand the role of the public, the media and politics in criminal justice matters.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay One	1	2	3	4
Essay Two	1	2	3	4

Outline Syllabus

The social construction of crime

The aims and values of the criminal justice process in England and Wales

The various stages of criminal justice from policing to punishment

The impact of the criminal justice process

Learning Activities

Lectures: large group sessions in which all students will receive key information on the issues covered related to the module including what is crime, and key contemporary issues with regard to the police, courts and punishment.

Self study: students will be expected to undertake self study and wider reading outside of lectures. This is in order to get the most out of lectures, to prepare for the assessment and to reach their full potential in this module.

Online: discussion boards allow students to continue learning outside formal lectures and receive formative feedback.

Tutorials: tutorials allow for more in-depth discussion among smaller student groups, with staff guidance.

Notes

This module is designed for students studying criminal justice and students studying forensic psychology or law alongside criminal justice modules. The module aims to explore the criminal justice process in England and Wales. Areas to be examined include: police powers, including the power to stop and search; crime control and due process models of policing; sentencing and punishment. The role of determining contexts such as class, race and gender will be an integral part of the module. Students will be introduced to the issue of theory, policy and practice.