

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Criminological Theory
Status: Definitive
Code: **4019LAWCJ** (121220)
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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:** 44
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 156

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	3000 word essay	100	

Aims

To provide a basis for students' understanding of major theoretical positions within criminology and how these influence developments in criminal justice.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Investigate the development of criminological thought
- 2 Understand theories of offending behaviour
- 3 Demonstrate an awareness of how theories influence policy and practice
- 4 Acknowledge the social context in which crime and criminal behaviour sit.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

3000 word essay	1	2	3	4
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Outline Syllabus

Free will and Determinism
Psychological theories
Environmental theories
Control theories
Strain theories
Labelling theories
Radical theories
Cultural criminology
Gender and theories of masculinity
The Underclass
Exam preparation

Learning Activities

Lectures
 On-line activities
 Independent study, critical thinking.

Notes

The module will provide students will an understanding of historical and contemporary criminological theories and highlight how these have shaped and influenced the modern day criminal justice system and responses to crime and deviance.