

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Introduction to Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
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Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 63.5

Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 136.5

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	36
Workshop	26

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Future Focus e-learning task	FutureFoc	Future Focus online exercise	10	
Presentation	Poster	500-600 word Poster Presentation	40	
Exam	Exam	1.5 hour exam	50	1.5

Aims

1) To explore the relationship between Forensic psychology and Criminal Justice by examining the history of legal Psychology and the application of psychology to legal issues and procedures and how we work with those that have committed crime

- 2) *To look critically at the role of the Forensic Psychology in the modern Criminal Justice System by drawing on research from a variety of areas of psychological study.*
- 3) *To examine the legal assumptions about human nature that underlie legal procedures and practices from a psychological perspective.*
- 4) *To explore key concepts in psychological research, and consider the contribution that research has made to the practice of law and how the criminal justice system works with groups and individuals*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Complete the Future Focus level 4 assessment, reflecting on personal development, their strengths and weaknesses and their values.
- 2 Understand psychological explanations of criminality
- 3 Identify interactions between Forensic Psych and CJ, and evaluate the contribution psychology has made to the understanding of crime, discussing critical issues in the relationship between psychology and crime

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Future Focus	1	
Poster Presentation	2	3
Examination	2	3

Outline Syllabus

*Key concepts in the psychology of crime and the criminal
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
How psychology impacts direct work with offenders*

Learning Activities

Lectures
Workshops
Independent learning
Note taking

Notes

Students will be able to identify the interactions between Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice, including an overview of the historical developments of forensic and legal psychology. Critical issues in psychology and crime will be discussed, as will psychological explanations of criminality

Students will demonstrate understanding of how psychology guides how the criminal justice system deals with those that commit crime and reflect upon the following aspects of personal development: strengths and weaknesses, motivations and values, ability to work with others