

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Human Rights, Social Justice and the Law
Status: Definitive
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Version Start Date: 01-08-2021
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
Seminar	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	4.5k essay	4500 word total - 1500 word essay plan plus 3000 word final essay	100	

Aims

To raise awareness of different definitions of justice
To understand different concepts of human rights on a national and international level
To understand how human rights influence English law and criminal justice
To understand how human rights and social justice principle work together and against each other in ideas about how to make English law and criminal justice fairer and more effective

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand the different definitions of human rights
- 2 Understand different definitions of social justice
- 3 Understand how ideas around human rights and social justice influence English criminal law and criminal justice currently
- 4 Understand how human rights and social justice could be used more proactively to improve fairness and equality in English society

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

4500 words	1	2	3	4
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Outline Syllabus

Different definitions of human rights

The historical development of human rights, nationally and internationally

How frameworks of human rights impact upon English criminal law currently

How frameworks of human rights impact upon English criminal justice currently

Different definitions of social justice

The historical development of the values and principles of social justice

How concepts of social justice impact upon English criminal law currently

How concepts of social justice impact upon English criminal justice currently

Bringing human rights and social justice together to improve English criminal law and criminal justice

Learning Activities

Lectures

Seminars

Notes

This module aims to raise student awareness of concepts, values and definitions relating to both human rights and social justice. After looking at competing definitions of human rights and social justice, the module considers how both frameworks influence English criminal law and English criminal justice, and how both could be used side-by-side to use criminal law and criminal justice as tools for building a better and fairer society.