

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Introduction to Criminological Theory
Status: Definitive
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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 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	5
Tutorial	6
Workshop	11

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Multiple Choice Quizzes	30	
Exam	AS2	Seen Exam	70	

Aims

- 1. Introduce students to a core of key theoretical perspectives within criminology.*
- 2. Encourage students to reflect upon the ways in which different theoretical strands have attempted to explain crime and criminal behaviour.*

3. Foster an understanding of the reasons for these differences and similarities between different theoretical approaches.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge of some of the key theoretical perspectives within criminology.
- 2 Describe how different theoretical strands have attempted to explain crime and criminal behaviour.
- 3 Explore the differences and convergences between critical theoretical approaches to the study of crime, deviance and/or social control

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Multiple Choice Quizzes	1	
Seen Exam	2	3

Outline Syllabus

1. *Introduction to Theory*
2. *Block 1 (2 weeks) – the Rational Actor*
3. *Block 2 (3 weeks) – the Predetermined Actor*
4. *Block 3 (4 weeks) – the Victimised Actor*

Learning Activities

Lectures, note-taking, participatory reading, small group discussions.

Notes

This module will begin to form the theoretical and conceptual foundation for level 4 studies in criminology. It will do so by charting some of the key perspectives within the discipline of Criminology and examining the emergence and contours of Critical Criminologies. An appreciation of these, often competing, versions of what Criminology is or should be, and the policy implications which follow, highlight the centrality of theory because ideas have consequences. This module will introduce students to the theoretical pathway of the discipline of Criminology, its relevant conceptual language, the key thinkers involved, and important seminal texts.