

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Contemporary Issues in Criminology  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4      **Credit Value:** 20      **Total Delivered Hours:** 42  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 158

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	3
Tutorial	6
Workshop	11

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Annotated Bibliography	50	
Report	AS2	Report	50	

### Aims

1. Introduce students to a range of contemporary criminological issues and surrounding academic debates.
2. Introduce students to key social divisions that pervade crime, harms and criminal justice.

3. Encourage students to explore the different ways key thinkers have attempted to explain contemporary criminological issues.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Explore how a range of contemporary issues have been discussed within criminological literature.
- 2 Demonstrate knowledge of the significance of some key social divisions that pervade crime, harms and criminal justice.
- 3 Understand how contemporary issues can be explored in different ways

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Annotated Bibliography	1	
Report	2	3

## Outline Syllabus

1. *Introduction to Theory & Issues*
2. *Social Divisions: Race, Ethnicity & Indigeneity*
3. *Social Divisions : Gender & Sexuality*
4. *Social Divisions : Class & Social Exclusion*
5. *Interpersonal Violence*
6. *Hate Crime*
7. *Youth Crime / Crimes*
8. *Terrorism*
9. *State Crime*
10. *Migration*

## Learning Activities

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

## Notes

This module will look at some contemporary criminological issues within society, (some of which are generally ignored by state institutions as well as by much of criminology itself), and apply our criminological theoretical imagination to help us understand and theorise them. Adopting a critical lens and simultaneously considering social divisions, allows us to explore these issues differently to the ways in which, for example, state institutions may define, understand and seek to tackle them.

