

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Researching Crime and Justice
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 2

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	Research Design Proposal 2,500 words	45	
Essay	AS2	Essay 1,500 words	55	

Aims

1. To introduce students to a range of research methods used in criminological research, and their strengths and weaknesses

2. To introduce students to the relationship between research, policy, and practice through the use of case studies based upon researchers' and practitioners' own experiences

3. To emphasise the politicised nature of criminological research alongside the ethical and methodological challenges faced by criminological researchers

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand and review the most appropriate quantitative-qualitative research methods for criminological research and investigation.
- 2 Communicate the benefits and drawbacks of employing quantitative and/or qualitative research methodologies and techniques in criminology.
- 3 Demonstrate an understanding of the political, ethical and methodological dilemmas posed by criminological research with reference to research conducted by departmental experts.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Research Proposal(2,500 words)	2	1
Essay (1,500 words)	3	

Outline Syllabus

1. *Introduction: Learning to think and talk about research*
2. *Collecting quantitative data*
3. *Collecting qualitative data*
4. *Analysing qualitative data*
5. *Analysing quantitative data*
6. *Social conscious, research ethics and criminology*
7. *Case Study 1*
8. *Case-Study 2*
9. *Case-Study 3*
- 10 *Case Study 4*
11. *Case Study 5*
12. *Summary & Exam Revision*

Learning Activities

A two hour lecture will be used to provide an overview of each topic on a weekly basis. From weeks 7-11, experts from within the department/faculty will deliver a guest lecture on their own research in order to ensure students can understand the political, ethical and methodological challenges posed in real-life research. In the rest

of the allocated time, workshops and tutorials will be provided to ensure students can take a lead in exploring issues in more depth with their cohort. Students are expected to engage in self-directed learning to develop their knowledge of the field and to prepare for lectures, workshops, and tutorials.

Notes

This module introduces students to the themes, concepts and practices involved in research that they will develop at level 5 and put into practice at level 6.