

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Introduction to Forensic Psychology
Status: Definitive
Code: **4307PS** (127642)
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ4
Credit Value: 10
Total Delivered Hours: 55
Total Learning Hours: 100
Private Study: 45

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Tutorial	22
Workshop	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	Poster	5 minute presentation	50	
Exam	Exam	1 hour exam	40	
Future Focus e-learning task	WoW	WoW	10	

Aims

- 1) To explore the relationship between Forensic psychology and Policing by examining the application of psychology in the policing context.
- 2) To look critically at the role of the Forensic Psychology in Policing by drawing on research from a variety of areas of psychological study.

- 3) *To examine the legal assumptions about human nature that underlie policing practices from a psychological perspective.*
- 4) *To explore key concepts in psychological research, and consider the contribution that research has made to Policing in practice.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Complete the World of Work bronze level assessment
Student can reflect on personal development, their strengths and weaknesses and their values
- 2 Student is able to understand psychological explanations of criminality
- 3 Student can identify interactions between Forensic Psychology and Policing, and evaluate the contribution psychology has made in the policing context,
- 4 Student can discuss critical issues in psychology and crime/ policing.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Poster Presentation	2	3	4
1 hour Exam	4		
Self awareness statement	1		

Outline Syllabus

Key concepts in the psychology of crime and the criminal behaviour
History of forensic and criminal psychology
Psychological explanations of criminality
Forensic psychology's role in policing and criminal justice practice
Psychologists and psychology in the courtroom
The impact of psychology on the criminal law

Learning Activities

Lectures
 Workshops
 Independent learning
 Note taking

Notes

Students will be able to identify the interactions between Forensic Psychology and Policing, 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.