

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: POLITICS & SOCIAL POLICY WITHIN A CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CONTEXT
Status: Definitive
Code: **4504LAWSTH** (116283)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

Team	Leader
Lawrence Burke	

Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 24.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 90.00
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 150

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	40.000
Seminar	30.000
Tutorial	10.000
Workshop	10.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS2	Essay - The relationships between political ideologies, welfare, crime, punishment and the criminal justice system (2,000 words).	50.0	
Presentation	AS1	Presentation - Research paper to be presented in a seminar discussion group by the student researcher. The focus of research will be on social class, racism or sexual discrimination linking directly to politics, social	50.0	

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		policy and criminal justice contexts (2,500 words).		

Aims

This module will aim to develop a political, economic and social understanding of how ideology and the law impacts on race, gender and social justice within modern Britain.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Assess the historical development of social policy and evaluate its construction and application to criminal justice and welfare provision.
- 2 Describe and explain the impact of political ideology on legislation, welfare and the criminal justice system working in practice.
- 3 Describe and explain the political relationship between Marxism and Capitalism and evaluate the impact on social welfare and criminal justice.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	1	
Presentation	2	3

Outline Syllabus

- *Historical review of social class and welfare*
- *Examine the issues of slavery and its relationship with racism*
- *Marxist ideology and the work of Marx, Bonger and Engels*
- *Capitalism and industrialisation in the Victorian Age*
- *The development of welfare poor law reform Act (1834)*
- *Economic Strategy*

Learning Activities

Lectures, collective pooling, group work, independent study, reflective practice, literature reviews and research and investigation practices, seminars and group discussion.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Lavalette, M and Pratt, A
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Social Policy Theories, Concepts and Issues
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Goodey, J
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Victims and Victimology
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Longmans
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Clarke, J
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Changing Welfare Changing States
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Hill, A and Midgley, J
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Social Policy for Development
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Bulmer, M and Solomons, J (eds)
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Researching Race and Racism
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Routledge
ISBN	

Notes

This module will introduce students to the historical and contemporary role that politics plays in society.

It will consider issues such as slavery, UK migration, racism, social class and sexual discrimination and how politics and social policy plays its part in maintaining or changing society's perceptions in these areas. Criminal justice and its relationship to discrimination and prejudice and the aim to achieve Social Justice will be reviewed, analysed, discussed and researched by students in preparation for their assessments.

Formative assessment will include a short 15 minute presentation on a related issue to your studies (power-point) (December). This will be combined with a written Knowledge Check Assessment with associated feedback.