

Summary Information

Module Code	5002COMJUS
Formal Module Title	Understanding Crime and Criminal Behaviour
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 5
Grading Schema	40

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Ester Ragonese	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Justin Moorhead	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	29

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
MAY_NS-MTP	MTP	May (Non-standard start date)	5 Weeks
NOV_NS-MTP	MTP	November (Non-standard start date)	5 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	The module aims to introduce learners to a range of criminological theories that seek to explain crime and criminal behaviour and how they apply to contemporary criminal justice policy and practice.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of criminological theory.
MLO2	Understand how these theories connect and relate to crime and criminal behaviour
MLO3	Demonstrate and evidence understanding around how theories influence criminal justice policy and practice.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus
Introduction to the module - thinking about criminological theory - Classical Criminological Theory - Positivist Theory (biological/ psychological/ sociological) - Control and Strain Theory - Labelling and Radical Theory - Mid way review - Cultural Theory - Feminist and Gender Theory - Realist and Zemiologist Theory - Recap and Review - Drop in to support assessment and submission

Module Overview

Initially this module explores the foundations of criminological theory pertaining to the commission of crime and criminal behaviour. Commencing with definitions of crime and criminal behaviour, concepts around 'free will', the social contract and broader classical criminological thought will be explored. Equally, early positivist theory associated with biological, psychological, and sociological determinism will be critically considered. Broader sociological / criminological concepts exploring control and strain theories will be integrated into the module, culminating in the application of such criminological knowledge to criminal justice practice.

Beyond this, critical criminological explanations around criminal behaviour will be undertaken, exploring labelling and radical theories, gender and theories of masculinity, realist criminology as well as race, ethnicity and social exclusion, amongst others. This modern theoretical focus represents further critical appraisal around crime and criminal behaviour, offering a contemporary understanding of criminal justice practice and effective intervention.

Additional Information

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Practice	Case Study	100	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3