

Module Proforma

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Summary Information

Module Code	5003COMJUS
Formal Module Title	Penal Policy and Punishment
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
Justin Moorhead	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

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

Partner Module Team

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
DEC_NS-MTP	MTP	December (Non-standard start date)	5 Weeks
JUN_NS-MTP	MTP	June (Non-standard start date)	5 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

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The module aims to introduce learners to penal policy and its links to punishment in the criminal justice system. It will provide definitions of punishment and explain the environments in which these take place. It will critically explore various influencing factors on policy and practice and reflect on whether the system is in crisis.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	To understand and define punishment
MLO2	To identify the various environments of punishment
MLO3	To demonstrate an understanding of the influence of politics and media on contemporary penal policy and practice.
MLO4	To recognise the role of crisis in penological theory, policy and practice.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus

Introduction - Philosophy of punishment - Penal Sociology - Why do we punish? - What are the alternatives to punishment? - Mid way review - Environments of punishment - A penal crisis? - Understanding and navigating crisis in probation practice - Conclusion: Recap and Review - Drop in sessions.

Module Overview

This module considers the concept of punishment and asks why we punish people. It explores the philosophy of punishment alongside penal sociology to inform a response, centring this around the environments of prison and probation settings. It considers penal policy and governmental responses around what has been understood as an evolution of a 'crisis' within these environments and looks to explore the place of justice and barriers therein. The module then develops understanding and insight around the concept of delivering both punishment and justice within this context from a probation perspective. It articulates the priorities and barriers to achieving these goals, within the context of the 'penal crisis', and reflects on the role and responsibilities of probation practitioners within the process and the attendant tensions.

Additional Information		

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Exam	Online Exam	100	2	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4