Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY

Status: Definitive

Code: **5004LAWCJ** (107800)

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Owning School/Faculty: Law Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ5 Value: 12.00 Delivered 16.00

Hours:

Total Private

Learning 120 Study: 104

Hours:

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12.000
Tutorial	4.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	3000 essay.	100.0	

Aims

To enable students to critically analyse the various criminological theories that have been advanced, and to evaluate the different theories' strengths and weaknesses.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically discuss the competing theories of criminology, both individually and when considered in combination.
- 2 Assess critically the implications for policy of differing theoretical perspectives.
- 3 Evaluate the effectiveness of the theories when applied to practical developments within the criminal justice system.

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4 Analyse the contemporary issues in criminological debate.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay 1 2 3

Outline Syllabus

Review of criminological theory.

'The Criminal Personality?': Psychological Postivism.

Control theories.

The Practical Controllong of Crime: Environmental Criminology & Situational crime prevention.

The influence of Marxism 1 - 'Box Clever'.

The influence of Marxism II: A Critique of Social Control

Practicality over Philosophy? The emergence of left realism over left idealism, the response of the right to this and the merger of them both in the middle Feminism? Masculinities & Crime.

The Underclass & Crime.

Cultural Criminology

Learning Activities

12 Lectures (12 hours) & 4 Tutorials (4 hours)

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Box, S
Publishing Year	1983
Title	Power, Crime & Mystification
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Tavistock
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Downes ,D & Rock, P
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Undertsanding Deviance
Subtitle	A Guide to the sociology of crime and rule breaking
Edition	5th Ed.
Publisher	Oxford, Oxford University Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Foucault, M
Publishing Year	1977
Title	Discipline and Punish
Subtitle	The Birth of the Prison
Edition	
Publisher	Hamondsworth ,Penguin
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Jones, S
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Criminology
Subtitle	
Edition	3rd
Publisher	Oxford, Oxford University Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Matza, D
Publishing Year	1964
Title	Delinquency and Drift
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	New York, Wiley.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Taylor, I, Walton, P & Young, J
Publishing Year	1973
Title	The New Criminology
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Routledge and Kegan Paul London.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
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Author	Vold, G, Bernard, T & Snipes, J
Publishing Year	2002
Title	Theoretical Criminology
Subtitle	
Edition	5th Ed.
Publisher	New York, Oxford University Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Williams, K
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Textbook on Criminology
Subtitle	
Edition	6th Ed.
Publisher	Oxford, Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Notes

The module provides further analytical detail of criminological theories from the Introduction to Criminological Theory at level 1. In particular the module addresses more contemporary debates assessing the major strengths and weaknesses.