

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: POLICING
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 12.00
Total Delivered Hours: 24.00
Total Learning Hours: 120
Private Study: 96

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Runs Twice - S1 & S2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11.000
Tutorial	11.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	Answer 3 Questions	100.0	2.00

Aims

1. To develop a comprehensive understanding of the function of policing, and of the various institutions through which it is delivered.
2. To explore the historical development of the activity of policing in England and Wales.
3. To examine the main organisational forms of contemporary policing.
4. To consider the main controversies surrounding the control and accountability of police agencies.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically examine the various responses to 'crime' at national and local levels, both within and beyond the State.
- 2 Distinguish the various concepts and theories used in the analysis of policing.
- 3 Demonstrate a historical appreciation of the uneven development of public and private forms of policing in relation to social, economic and political currents.
- 4 Demonstrate the significance of the relationship between social divisions and definitions of crime and the response of police agencies - in terms of what they do, how, and to whom they do it.
- 5 Evaluate the problems of internal and external control and accountability of police agencies.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2 hr EXAM 1 2 3 4 5

Outline Syllabus

Approaches to the analysis of policing: institutional, sociological, legal and political. Development, in England and Wales, of private and public policing since the mid C19th.

Role of the law, state and the market shaping the different forms and objectives of police work.

Organisational aspects of policing, internal management, occupational culture, position of minority ethnic groups and women.

Differential impact of policing on different groups in society - age, class, gender, ethnicity and 'race' and sexuality.

Issues of external control and accountability of police.

Debates regarding effectiveness and propriety.

Future challenges for policing provision.

Learning Activities

Note-taking, critical reflection, reading, small-group discussion, work in collaboration with peers to identify and solve problems, preparation of collective report-backs, information gathering, preparation of bibliographies, effectively communicate ideas in oral and written form, revision for examination.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Johnston L

Publishing Year	2000
Title	Policing Britain
Subtitle	Risk, Security and Governance
Edition	
Publisher	Harlow: Longman.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Johnston L
Publishing Year	1992
Title	The Rebirth of Private Policing
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Routledge.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Leishman F et al
Publishing Year	2000
Title	Core Issues in Policing
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd ed
Publisher	Harlow: Longman.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Newburn, T.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Handbook of Policing
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Devon, Willan
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Reiner, R.
Publishing Year	2000
Title	Politics of the Police
Subtitle	
Edition	3rd ed
Publisher	Oxford, Oxford University Press.
ISBN	

Notes

This module aims to develop an understanding of the function, and scope, of policing

and the various institutions through which it is delivered. It considers a variety of theoretical approaches to the study of policing, and encourages students to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of competing positions in policing debate. The module examines the development of public and private policing in Britain since the nineteenth century, with reference to wider context of social, economic and political development. It explores the nature and organization, of contemporary police work and the differential impact it has on different social groups along distinctions of race and ethnicity, class, gender, age and sexuality. The module also examines key issues relating to the effectiveness and control of policing agencies, before considering the challenges for future policing provision.