

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: THEORIES OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5010LAWCJ** (107807)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5      **Credit Value:** 24.00      **Total Delivered Hours:** 48.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 192

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24.000
Tutorial	24.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1		20.0	
Presentation	AS2		30.0	
Essay	AS3		50.0	

### Aims

*Enable students to critically analyse the various criminological theories that have been advanced, and to evaluate their different strengths and weaknesses.*

*Introduce students to competing theories of 'justice' and 'rights' in criminal justice, and different theoretical bases of sentencing in the judicial process.*

*Analyse contemporary issues in debates on crime and punishment*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically discuss the competing theories of criminology and how they have influenced understanding of crime in society.
- 2 Assess critically the implications for policy of differing criminological perspectives.
- 3 Evaluate the effectiveness of different criminological theories when applied to practical developments within the criminal justice system.
- 4 Critically understand the theoretical issues surrounding the use and legitimacy of punishment and sentencing.
- 5 Recognise and understand the theoretical concepts which shape notions of justice.
- 6 Recognise the principles of restorative justice, and understand how it affects different groups and procedures in the current judicial process, as well as how its role may develop in the future.
- 7 Work collaboratively and present findings to wider group

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Exam	4	7	
Presentation	5	6	
Essay	1	2	3

## **Outline Syllabus**

### ***SEMESTER 1: THEORIES OF CRIME***

*Introduction: What is crime?  
The classical school and the social contract.  
The emergence of biological positivism  
Environmental criminology.  
Strain and subculture.  
Labelling and social interactionism.  
Control and attachment.  
Radical and critical criminology.  
Realist criminologies.  
Foucault and governmentality.  
Feminism, masculinities and crime.  
Cultural criminology.*

### ***SEMESTER 2: THEORIES OF PUNISHMENT***

*Introduction: Thinking about punishment.*

*The concept of rights in theory and punishment.*  
*The philosophy of punishment.*  
*Punishment: A psychological perspective.*  
*Punishment: Execution, reformation and the death penalty.*  
*Theories of sentencing.*  
*The right to punish: Public or private?*  
*Restorative justice in practice.*  
*Module overview.*

## Learning Activities

24 lectures: listening, notetaking, critical reflection.  
 24 tutorials: reading, discussion and presentation of material.  
 Private study: reading, researching information sources (including electronic)  
 Assessment: Researching, planning, observation, presentation.

## References

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

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Downes, D. & Rock, P.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007
<b>Title</b>	Understanding Deviance
<b>Subtitle</b>	A guide to the sociology of crime and rule breaking.
<b>Edition</b>	5th
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	White, R. & Haines, F.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2000
<b>Title</b>	Crime and Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	2nd
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Williams, K.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2004
<b>Title</b>	Textbook on Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	5th
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Burke, R.H.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2005
<b>Title</b>	An Introduction to Criminological Theory
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	2nd
<b>Publisher</b>	Willan
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Walklate, S.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007
<b>Title</b>	Understanding Criminology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	3rd
<b>Publisher</b>	Open University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Box, S.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1983
<b>Title</b>	Power, Crime and Mystification
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Tavistock
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Davies, M, Croall, H and Tyrer, J.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2005
<b>Title</b>	Criminal Justice
<b>Subtitle</b>	An introduction to the Criminal Justice System in England and Wales
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Pearson
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
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<b>Author</b>	Duff, A. & Garland, D. (eds)
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1994
<b>Title</b>	A Reader on Punishment
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Easton, E. & Piper, C.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2005
<b>Title</b>	Sentencing and Punishment
<b>Subtitle</b>	The Quest for Justice
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Oxford University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Hudson, B.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1987
<b>Title</b>	Justice Through Punishment
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Macmillan
<b>ISBN</b>	

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## Notes

The module examines the key ideas in criminology and sentencing theory linking them to debates regarding the role of punishment in contemporary society.