

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5011LAWCJ** (116047)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Arts, Professional and Social Studies

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5      **Credit Value:** 24      **Total Delivered Hours:** 52  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 188

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	18
Tutorial	32

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	SE	This will be a seen examination.	50	2
Presentation	GP	This will be a group presentation which see's students running a 45-minute session which must include exercises for other members of the class.	50	

### Aims

*The overall aim of the module is to provide students with a broad understanding of the different paradigms and perspectives on / in substance (mis)use and relevant policy / practice in relation to criminal justice.*

*The module will also aim to introduce students to wider societal issues that surround the drugs, alcohol and crime debate by discussing the cultural significance of substance (mis)use and the moral and ethical issues that accompany it.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding of the nature and prevalence of drugs and alcohol.
- 2 Discuss drug and alcohol policies and practice.
- 3 Examine and explain drug related crime and disorder and criminal justice responses to these problems.
- 4 Critically analyse prevention and control strategies.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Seen examination	1	2	3	4
Group presentation	1	2	3	

## **Outline Syllabus**

*History of drugs & alcohol*  
*Harm, Risk & Classification*  
*Drugs & Crime*  
*Alcohol & Crime*  
*Drugs Policy*  
*Alcohol Policy*  
*Drug & Alcohol Treatment: Custody & Community*  
*Drug & Alcohol Treatment: Users perspective*  
*Treatment by Coercion:*  
*Normalisation (& culture)*  
*Commodification (& culture)*  
*Legalisation (& decriminalization)*  
*Drug markets, traffickers & dealers*  
*Policing drugs*  
*Policing (& addressing) a promoted drug – Alcohol*  
*Unpoliced drugs? Legal drug companies*  
*Policing drug users? The Homeless*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures and tutorials

## **Notes**

This module intends to introduce students to key issues within the drugs, alcohol and criminal justice field. It initially focuses upon the use of substances and their possible causal relationship with criminal behavior. The modules then looks at the meso level issues of policy direction and practice within this sphere before widening out to highlight macro level issues relating to the global nature of the drugs status quo and the cultural and symbolic issues that surround this.