

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5012LAWCJ** (116197)  
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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:** 51  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240  
**Private Study:** 189

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	36
Tutorial	14

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	ASS1	Online Assessment	30	1
Essay	ASS2	2500 word essay	70	

### Aims

*To provide a basis for students' understanding of major theoretical positions within criminology.*

*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 Investigate the development of criminological thought.
- 2 Demonstrate how theories impact on policy and practice.
- 3 Critically discuss the competing theories of criminology, both individually and when considered in combination.
- 4 Assess critically the implications for policy of differing theoretical perspectives.
- 5 Evaluate the effectiveness of the theories when applied to practical developments within the criminal justice system.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Online Assessment	1	3	
2500 word essay	2	4	5

## Outline Syllabus

*Classicism*  
*Biological Positivism*  
*Psychological Positivism*  
*The Chicago School & Environmental Criminology*  
*Differential Association*  
*Anomie*  
*Subcultural*  
*Labelling*  
*Radical*  
*Feminism*  
*Left Realism*  
*Masculinity*  
*Right Realism*  
*Underclass*  
*Victimology*

## Learning Activities

Weekly 2 hour workshops

## Notes

The module initially presents the development of criminological thought in a

chronological progression. Major theorists will be introduced and their contribution to criminology will be discussed. This module will therefore provide the theoretical grounding necessary for students progression in the criminal justice programme, whilst also enabling them to discuss theory in practice.

The module then moves on to provides further analytical detail of specific criminological theories and in particular addresses more contemporary debates assessing the major strengths and weaknesses.