

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Doing Criminological Research: Politics and Practice  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5  
**Credit Value:** 24  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 62  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240  
**Private Study:** 178

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	20
Off Site	22
Workshop	20

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Technology	AS1	Data-file	20	
Essay	AS3	Research proposal	40	
Presentation	AS2	Group presentation	40	

### Aims

- 1. To develop critical thinking about the nature of criminological research and research problems.*
- 2. To explore the principles and practice of quantitative and qualitative methods in*

*criminology.*

*3. To consolidate knowledge of an industry-standard computer package for quantitative analysis.*

*4. To enhance skills of group-work and communication through digital video capture and classroom discussion.*

*5. To provide students with practical experience of project design and implementation.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand the concepts, purpose and politics of criminological information and research.
- 2 Understand the complexities of ethics in criminological research.
- 3 Comprehend and undertake the design of the stages in a research plan.
- 4 Collect and input both quantitative and qualitative data carefully and effectively and with due regard for ethical and procedural standards.
- 5 Analyse and present both quantitative and qualitative data carefully and effectively and with due regard for ethical and procedural standards.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Data-file	4		
Research proposal	3		
Group presentation	1	2	5

## **Outline Syllabus**

*What is criminological information and research?*

*Defining and refining a research problem in criminology.*

*Data collection methods, implementation and managing data collection in the field.*

*Problem solving.*

*Sampling procedures.*

*Principles of quantitative and qualitative research methods.*

*Unstructured interviews, questionnaires, ethnographic approaches, feminist methodologies, e-mail interviews, diaries and focus groups.*

*Politics and ethics of research, reflexivity and representation.*

*Data preparation, verification, structure, quality and analysis.*

*Introduction to qualitative data analysis using NVivo.*

*SPSS for questionnaire data*

*Structure, content and presentation of research reports.*

*Effective group work and project management.  
Developing independent research.*

## **Learning Activities**

Learning activities include lectures, surgeries, on-line database searches, research group meetings, in-class exercises and ICT workshops. This module also incorporates a field work component. This component is an integral element of the module and is compulsory requirement.

## **Notes**

This module raises fundamental questions about the nature of research in Criminology. The research process needs careful design, planning, management, analysis and reflexivity. This module provides research training in both qualitative and quantitative methods and makes use of widely used software. Students are made aware that their choice of research method is underpinned by economic, political and social implications. The module also provides students with experience of small group project work in a field work setting as well as self-paced learning on an individual basis