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Title: RESEARCHING LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 24 **Total Delivered Hours:** 48
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 192

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Workshop	48

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	CW1	Ethics, qualitative research and online resources.	50	
Portfolio	CW2	Data, surveys and evaluation	50	

Aims

To introduce the main methodological approaches used in research into law and criminal justice.

To foster an appreciation of the wider social, economic, political, and philosophical context in which research into law and criminal justice takes place.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Recognise and evaluate the relative strengths and weaknesses of some different methodological approaches to researching issues within law and criminal justice
- 2 Use a variety of methods and sources in order to conduct research
- 3 Demonstrate an awareness of the politics and ethics of research into law and criminal justice
- 4 Demonstrate an awareness of the practical problems which can arise when conducting research into law and criminal justice
- 5 Demonstrate an awareness of the basic techniques of qualitative and quantitative research

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Coursework portfolio 1	1	3	5
Coursework portfolio 2	2	4	

Outline Syllabus

Principles of legal and criminal justice research
Principles and techniques of qualitative research
Principles and techniques of secondary qualitative research
Principles and techniques of quantitative research
Designing and appraising research

Learning Activities

Workshops
Self-directed study

Notes

This module aims to equip students with the skills necessary to undertake effective and realistic research in the fields of law and criminal justice.