

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Doing Criminal Justice: Theory, Policy 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: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 64.50
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 175

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	42.000
Seminar	21.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	1.5 hr Exam	40.0	1.50
Essay	AS2	1,000 word outline of Group Presentation	30.0	
Presentation	AS3	Group Presentation	30.0	

Aims

- To provide an overview of the development of criminal justice agencies, the different types of interventions delivered in the sector and the contested meanings of 'justice'.*
- To use this as a theoretical platform to explore the policy and practice of criminal justice agencies.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate critical understanding of the role of different agencies of criminal justice.
- 2 Evidence knowledge of the criminal justice legislative framework and be able to explain the key theories which have underpinned such policy.
- 3 Critically appraise the relationship between research, policy and practice in the area of criminal justice
- 4 Reflect empirically and analytically upon the relationship between theories of justice and existent social divisions.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

1.5 hr exam	1	2
1,000 word outline	3	4
Group Presentation	3	4

Outline Syllabus

- *Critical appraisal of the role of key criminal justice agents in the justice process: Practitioners Namely Police and Probation
Policy makers*
- *The above will be explored in relation to theory, policy and practice influences, developments and impacts, couched in their historical context
The politics of criminal justice
Changing perceptions of the recipients of criminal justice, Offenders and victims
Diversification of criminal justice, Partnership working, Private and third sector delivery, Evolving notions of evidence and effectiveness in criminal justice, From 'Nothing works' to 'what works', Managerialism and performance matters
Changing communities, Diversity, discrimination and disadvantage
Future directions of criminal justice in the 21st century*

Learning Activities

The module will utilise blended learning, which will combine E-learning with more traditional teaching strategies.

Lectures, workshops and tutorials will be used to provide an overview of each topic. The lectures will on occasion include guest speakers with particular expertise in aspects of the curriculum.

Students will be expected to engage in self directed learning to develop their

knowledge of the field.

Electronic seminars and discussions will be used to further explore the issues raised in lectures and through the students own reading.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Cohen, S
Publishing Year	1985
Title	Visions of Social Control
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Polity Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Easton, S and Piper, C
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Sentencing and Punishment
Subtitle	The Quest for Justice
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford: Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Faulkner, D
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Crime, State and Citizen:
Subtitle	A Field full of Folk
Edition	
Publisher	Winchester: Waterside Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Hucklesby, A and Wahidin, A
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Criminal Justice
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford: Oxford University Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Garland, D and Sparks, R (eds)
Publishing Year	2000

Title	Criminology and Social Theory
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford: Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Lilly, RJ, Cullen, FT and Ball, RA
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Criminological Theory:
Subtitle	Context and Consequences
Edition	
Publisher	London: Sage Publications
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Lister, R
Publishing Year	2010
Title	Understanding Theories and Concepts in Social Policy
Subtitle	Understanding Welfare: Social Issues, Policy and Practice)
Edition	
Publisher	Bristol: Policy Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Muncie, J and Wilson, D (Eds)
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Student Handbook of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Routledge-Cavendish
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Newburn, T
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Handbook of Policing
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd Edition
Publisher	Devon: Willan Publishing
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Sanders, A, Young, R and Burton, M
Publishing Year	2010
Title	Criminal Justice
Subtitle	

Edition	
Publisher	Oxford: Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Spalek, B
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Crime Victims:
Subtitle	Theory, Policy and Practice
Edition	
Publisher	Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Whitehead, P
Publishing Year	2010
Title	Exploring Modern Probation:
Subtitle	Social Theory and Organisational Complexity
Edition	
Publisher	Bristol: Policy Press
ISBN	

Notes

Criminal justice systems, institutions, policies, practices and processes are about justice or, more appropriately, 'doing justice'. This is quite proper, yet what quite often escapes adequate scrutiny is the term justice itself, and this concept is the focus of the module. More specifically, the concern is with the ways in which conception(s) of justice, either explicitly or (more often) implicitly, inform the activities and processes of criminal justice and the ways in which the differing interpretations of 'justice' impact on diverse communities.

Thus we examine the nature of 'justice' upon which criminal justice theory, policy and practice either are based, or through reference to which they claim legitimacy. These issues and debates will be addressed through critical appraisal of both historical and contemporary developments in criminal justice interventions. The module seeks to achieve this by combining a concentration upon theoretical approaches to justice with the ways in which these inform - through policies and practices - the key elements of formal, contemporary criminal justice systems.