## **Liverpool** John Moores University

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Title: POWER, PUNISHMENT AND HOMELESSNESS

Status: Definitive

Code: **5021CRIM** (119362)

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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ5 Value: 24.00 Delivered 64.00

**Hours:** 

Total Private

Learning 240 Study: 176

Hours:

**Delivery Options** 

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	40.000
Online	6.000
Tutorial	16.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

#### **Assessment Details**

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1		50.0	2.00
Essay	AS2		50.0	

## Aims

- 1. Critically examine theories of punishment in society and the relationship between homelessness, prisons and punishment more generally;
- 2. Critically analyse competing theoretical positions regarding homelessness and

prisons and how they reproduce discourses and construct identities around masculinity and femininity;

3. Locate a range of key policy developments and debates relating to homelessness, punishment and the prison.

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Examine the impact of penal and other institutions with respect the policing of wider social divisions:
- 2 Evaluate the competing theoretical and policy debates around the relationship of prisons and punishment;
- 3 Problematise theoretical debates surrounding prisons, homelessness and poverty.

#### **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

2hr EXAM 1 2

2,000 WORD ESSAY 2 3

# Outline Syllabus

Historical and contemporary perspectives on the role of the prison and the policing of social divisions; the modern prison and the political economy of punishment; gender, 'race' marginalisation and the prison; the normalisation of the poor and the deviant; the changing contours of state power; a case study of the political economy of punishment in Liverpool; the revolving door between homelessness and imprisonment; modes of housing governance and punishment; housing the poor in prison and semi-penal institutions; integrating homeless offenders from the prison to the community; back door sentencing amongst homeless ex-offenders.

## **Learning Activities**

The module is taught through an interactive lecture and workshop which will involve: note-taking, video and DVD-watching, group discussion, library work/research and preparation for the examination and essay.

#### References

Course Material	Book
Author	Foucault, M.

Publishing Year	1979
Title	Discipline and Punish
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Harmondsworth: Peregrine
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Clapham, D and Hutson, S.
Publishing Year	1999
Title	Homelessness: Public Policies and Private Troubles
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Cassell
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Wardhaugh, J.
Publishing Year	2000
Title	Subcity: Young People Homelessness and Crime
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Aldershot: Ashgate
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Carlen, P.
Publishing Year	1996
Title	Jigsaw: Political Criminology of Youth Homelessness Subtitle
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Open Univerisity Press: Buckingham
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Sim, J.
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Punishment and Prisons: Power and the Carceral State
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Wacquant, L.
Publishing Year	2009

Title	Punishing the Poor
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Durham: Duke University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Huclesby, A. and Hagley-Dickinson , L
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Prisoner Resettlement
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Willan
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Welch, M.
Publishing Year	2011
Title	Corrections A Critical Approach
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Routledge
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Bourke, A. et al
Publishing Year	2011
Title	Lumpencity
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	RedQuill Books
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Cruikshank, B.
Publishing Year	1999
Title	The Will to Empower: Democratic Citizens and Other
	Subjects
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	NY: Cornell University Press
ISBN	

## **Notes**

This module will introduce students to a range of key debates and issues with

specific reference to the question of the modern prison and its relationship to social marginalisation through focussing on one particular group: the homeless. It will introduce students to a range of different theoretical perspectives regarding the modern prison and its relationship to the policing of social divisions in general and the poor in particular. It will then focus on the question of homelessness and will critically analyse a range of policies that have been developed via resettlement practices and relate these back to the theoretical perspectives that were addressed earlier in the module. In that sense, students will be critically evaluating the relationship between theory, policy and practice in a key area of contemporary social policy.