

Summary Information

Module Code	5021LAWCJ
Formal Module Title	Criminal Justice Research
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 5
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Workshop	22

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This module will 1) Introduce students to the range of research methods used within criminal justice, and the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches. 2) Provide students with an overview of the development of research and evaluation within criminal justice in the last 50 years, and why it is so important. 3) Introduce students to essential techniques around writing a literature review and research proposal. 4) Allow students to consider ethical considerations around research and how these can be managed
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Develop a literature review of previous research.
MLO2	2	Demonstrate an understanding of qualitative and quantitative methodologies.
MLO3	3	Critically assess research and its contribution to the field.
MLO4	4	Develop a properly constructed research proposal.
MLO5	5	Understand the ethical considerations of research, and how these can be mitigated.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	The module will introduce students to the importance of the role within criminal justice, and the impact that research has had on how the system operates. Students will explore qualitative and quantitative methods and why each have their strengths and weaknesses, and what can be done to mitigate these. Ethical considerations of research will be considered in a pragmatic way. In addition students will have the opportunity to learn about data sets that are already available for use for research in criminal justice, how these can be used, and the pitfalls of relying on them too closely. Students' knowledge of research methodologies and associated concerns will then be applied to the practical business of doing research and the difficulties inherent in this. In addition, students will learn about how to construct a literature review and research proposal.
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This module covers the range of research methodologies, both qualitative and quantitative, used within criminal justice and the researching of crime. The course will allow students to consider the practical and ethical considerations in research, and allow them to develop skills in producing a literature review and research proposal for an original project

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	3000 word research proposal	60	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4, MLO5
Portfolio	Research Portfolio	40	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4, MLO5

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Emma Murray	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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