

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Exploring Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5025LAWCJ** (124208)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 41  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 159

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	18
Seminar	12
Tutorial	11

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	Essay around critical analysis of psychology and criminal justice	60	
Report	Report	Report on relevant research on selected topic	40	

### Aims

- 1) To explore in further detail the relationship between Forensic psychology and Criminal Justice
- 2) To critically analyse the role of the Forensic Psychology in the modern Criminal Justice System by drawing on the latest research from a variety of areas of

*psychological study.*

*3) To explore in depth the legal assumptions about human nature that underlie legal procedures and practices from a psychological perspective.*

*4) To explore key concepts in modern psychological research, and their influence on key contemporary issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically evaluate the influence of psychology within Criminal Justice practice, and understand the limitations and benefits of psychological approaches within criminal Justice
- 2 Explain the limitations and benefits of psychological approaches within criminal Justice
- 3 Evaluate the benefits and limitations of criminal Justice Research

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

essay	1	2
Report	3	

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Developing a deeper understanding of the psychology of crime and the criminal  
Key contemporary issues in psychology and crime*

*Modern explorations of psychological explanations of criminality*

*Different pathways to apply psychology within the Criminal Justice Sector*

*The impact of psychology on the criminal law*

*Practical applications of psychology to detect, apprehend and work with offenders*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures

Seminars

Tutorials

Independent learning

Note taking

Discussion

## **Notes**

This module will explore the influences and limitations of applying psychology within

a criminal justice setting. Research within the sector will be discussed and critically analysed, and direct applications of psychology to detecting, apprehending and working with crime and criminals will be explored. Students will develop a deeper understanding of the influences of psychology on our understanding of crime, and will be able to discuss a range of ways that psychology can be applied in Criminal Justice Practice.