

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Criminal Justice Policy, Practice and the Evidence Base  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5027LAWCJ** (127217)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5      **Credit Value:** 10      **Total Delivered Hours:** 36

**Total Learning Hours:** 100      **Private Study:** 64

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Online	12
Tutorial	12

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	ASS1	2,500 word essay critically exploring criminal justice policy development	100	

### Aims

- 1. To understand the theoretical and practical issues relating to policy formation*
- 2. To demonstrate a critical insight into the development of criminal justice policy*
- 3. To critically explore issues related to the implementation and delivery of policy across the criminal justice sector*

#### 4. Critically appraise existing approaches to policy evaluation and analysis

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand the theoretical and practical issues relating to policy formation
- 2 Demonstrate a critical insight into the development of criminal justice policy
- 3 Critically explore issues related to the implementation and delivery of policy across the criminal justice sector
- 4 Critically appraise existing approaches to policy evaluation and analysis

### Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2,500 word essay	1	2	3	4
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### Outline Syllabus

*Introduction: What is Criminal Justice Policy*

*Social Change and Criminal Justice Policy*

*Criminal Justice and Social Policy*

*The Criminal Justice Policy Making Process*

*Student-Led Session on the Practices of Criminal Justice Policy*

*Actors in Criminal Justice Policy*

*Criminal Justice Policy – Implementing and Experiencing Policy Change*

*Evidence-Informed Policy Development*

*Evaluating policy impact and critically assessing the role of research in criminal justice policy-making*

*The influence of the public and media in engineering policy change*

*Assessment Preparation/Support*

### Learning Activities

Lectures

Online

Tutorial

### **Notes**

The module provides students with a critical awareness of how policy has developed in the criminal justice system in England and Wales. Students are introduced to the theories and concepts of policy formation and consider case studies of the creation, implementation and delivery of criminal justice policy across the sector.

The module will help develop students critical thinking skills in reflecting upon the impact of criminal justice practice. The sessions will discuss all key institutions within criminal justice work – the police, probation, prisons, youth justice, and courts – and engages with significant pieces of policy and legislation that continue to shape how the criminal justice system functions. The focus on policy making issues overlaps with course content concerning the Criminal Justice Process whilst the emphasis on reviewing research-informed articles will help advance the skills development that the research methods and dissertation modules develop.