

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Criminal Evidence  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5036LAWCJ** (128568)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 44  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 156

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Seminar	22

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	Group pres	Group presentation lasting 20-25 minutes based on a topic which is important or influential on criminal evidence law and practice	100	

### Aims

*To develop student knowledge of the principles underpinning the law on criminal evidence*

*To develop student knowledge of the different types of criminal evidence*

*To enable students to critically evaluate legal and criminal justice decision-making in the criminal evidence field in the light of relevant policy*

*To raise awareness of the changing criminal justice policy landscape in relation to criminal evidence*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically evaluate the concepts and rules underpinning the law on criminal evidence in England
- 2 Critically evaluate changes in statutory and common law on criminal evidence in England
- 3 Critically evaluate criminal justice policy and practice in relation to English criminal evidence law

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Group presentation	1	2	3
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## **Outline Syllabus**

*The scope and foundations of the law on criminal evidence - exclusion, burdens and standards of proof*

*The changing nature of rights relating to silence and self-incrimination, in law and criminal justice practice*

*Disclosure and public interest immunity*

*Police activity, ethics and covert surveillance evidence*

*Corroboration of evidence*

*Circumstantial evidence*

*Witness evidence*

*Identification evidence*

*Expert evidence in the criminal trial*

*Character evidence*

*Hearsay evidence*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures

Seminars

## **Notes**

This module aims to raise student awareness of the principles and practice relating to criminal evidence, in both the legal and the criminal justice contexts.