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Title: Advanced Criminological Theory
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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:** 41
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 159

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	4
Seminar	11
Tutorial	4

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	Portfolio	60	
Exam	AS2	Exam (Take Home Exam)	40	

Aims

1. To critically analyse contemporary critical criminological explanations of 'crime', harm, deviance and social control.

2. *To explore the emergence of critical theories within their socio-economic, political and historical contexts.*

3. *To evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of critical criminological perspectives alongside identifying continuities and discontinuities between them.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically appreciate the diversity, interconnections and strengths and weaknesses of contemporary critical criminological perspectives.
- 2 Critically understand the social, political and historical contexts out of which theoretical developments in critical criminology have developed.
- 3 Demonstrate critical reflection and ability to challenge dominant ways of thinking about 'crime', crime control and social harm.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Portfolio	1	
Exam	2	3

Outline Syllabus

An indicative range of topics studied includes:

- *The challenges to 'positivist criminology' from the radical / critical criminological paradigm and anti-criminology.*
- *The socio-economic, political and historical contexts of critical criminological theory.*
- *Outline of the major critical criminological theoretical perspectives that have developed in the last four decades and links to wider critical social theory.*
- *The emphasis in critical theory on understanding individual and social problems within broader economic and social inequalities.*

Learning Activities

Note-taking, reading, small group discussion and contribution to seminars, preparation, planning and writing of assessed work including library research.

Notes

This module focuses upon the critical criminological approaches of 'crime', harm, deviance and social control that have emerged since the 1970s. It introduces

concepts that are derivative of several competing advanced critical theoretical perspectives, placing them in their social and political context.