

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: The Politics of Social Control  
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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:** 42  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 158

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	5
Seminar	11
Tutorial	4

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	Portfolio 1	50	
Portfolio	AS2	Portfolio 2	50	

### Aims

- 1. To critically explore the concept of social control and its relevance to criminology.*
- 2. To develop critical thinking in relation to historical and contemporary modes of social control.*

3. To critically examine the criminal justice system through the lens of social control theories.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Have a critical understanding of the different theories of social control and consider their relevance to criminology.
- 2 Critically evaluate the historical development of practices of social control.
- 3 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the effect of power relations on criminal justice.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Portfolio 1	1	
Portfolio 2	2	3

## Outline Syllabus

*An indicative range of topics studied includes:*

- *Theories of social control as part of a broader concern with the operation of power in contemporary society.*
- *To do this, the module explores the history of key institutions, and examines how mechanisms and processes of social control have changed, and continue to change.*

## Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars, small group activities and directed learning tasks.

## Notes

The module content seeks to develop students' critical understanding of the operation of power within criminal justice institutions using theories of social control, and asks critical questions about the ways in which social orders are reproduced.