

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Criminological Research Enquiry
Status: Definitive
Code: **5105CRIM** (122271)
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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 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	9
Online	9
Workshop	24

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	Portfolio	100	

Aims

- 1. To develop critical thinking about the nature of criminological research and research problems.*
- 2. To critically evaluate the principles, practice, politics and ethics of quantitative and qualitative methods in criminology.*
- 3. To consolidate knowledge of widely used computer packages for quantitative and*

qualitative data analysis.

4. To enhance skills of group-work and communication through digital video capture and classroom discussion.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically understand the concepts, purpose, politics and ethics of criminological information and research.
- 2 Collect and input both quantitative and qualitative data carefully and effectively and with due regard for ethical and procedural standards.
- 3 Critically analyse and present both quantitative and qualitative data carefully and effectively and with due regard for political, ethical and procedural standards.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Portfolio 2 3 1

Outline Syllabus

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

- *What is criminological information and research?*
- *Principles of quantitative and qualitative research methods.*
- *Defining and refining a research problem in criminology.*
- *Data collection methods, implementation and managing data collection in the field.*
- *Problem solving.*
- *Sampling procedures.*
- *Unstructured interviews, questionnaires, ethnographic approaches, feminist methodologies, e-mail interviews, diaries and focus groups.*
- *Politics and ethics of research, reflexivity and representation.*
- *Data preparation, verification, structure, quality and analysis.*
- *Introduction to qualitative data analysis using NVivo.*
- *SPSS for questionnaire data.*
- *Effective group work and project management.*

Learning Activities

Lectures, classroom workshops, ICT workshops, fieldwork, independent study

Notes

As developing criminology researchers, this module is concerned with designing and undertaking a focused piece of criminological research using a synergy of quantitative and qualitative research methods. In carrying out your research and collecting your data, we expect you to give due regard to both the philosophical basis of criminological research and, just as importantly, to recognize the complex ethical issues that can often underpin research. Students will be introduced to a several new pieces of ICT software for data management and retrieval.