

Criminological Research Enquiry

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	5105CRIM
Formal Module Title	Criminological Research Enquiry
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 5
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	9
Online	9
Workshop	24

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. To develop critical thinking about the nature of criminological research and research problems.2. To critically evaluate a range of quantitative and qualitative research methods used in relevant fields of enquiry.3. To develop data analysis skills using quantitative and qualitative data.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Critically understand the concepts, purpose, politics and ethics of criminological information and research.
MLO2	2	Critically evaluate the principles, practice and politics of quantitative and qualitative methods in criminology.
MLO3	3	Critically analyse and interpret both quantitative and qualitative data carefully and effectively and with due regard for political, ethical and procedural standards.

Module Content

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.
Module Overview	As a developing criminology researcher, 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. You will be introduced to a several new pieces of ICT software for data management and retrieval.
Additional Information	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.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Portfolio	Portfolio	100	0	MLO2, MLO3, MLO1

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

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