

Research Project in Criminology

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	5205CRIM
Formal Module Title	Research Project in Criminology
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
Workshop	33

Module Offering(s)

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

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	<p>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 research methods in criminology. 3. To develop professional skills in widely used computer packages for quantitative data capture, analysis and reporting. 4. To enhance skills of group-work and communication through digital video capture and group work research projects. 5. To develop a viable and ethically sound research plan for future research.</p>
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Critically recognise and identify the concepts, purpose, methodology, politics and ethics of criminological information and research.
MLO2	2	Work effectively in a research team to design, undertake and illustrate the findings of a research project.
MLO3	3	Input, analyse and present quantitative data carefully and effectively with due regard for political, ethical and procedural standards.
MLO4	4	Articulate a future research project design with due regard for political, ethical and research procedural standards.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	The module seeks to cover an indicative range of topics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is criminological information and research?• Principles of quantitative 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.• Politics and ethics of research, reflexivity and representation.• Data preparation, verification, structure, quality and analysis.• SPSS skills for questionnaire data.• Effective group work and project management.
Module Overview	
Additional Information	As developing criminology researchers, this module is concerned with designing and undertaking a focused piece of criminological research using quantitative research methods. In carrying out the research and in collecting the data, we expect students 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 software for data management and retrieval. The module also requires students to design a research proposal for a viable future piece of research that may become the focus of a level 6 dissertation study.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Report	Individual SPSS Data Entry	20	0	MLO3
Presentation	Group Visual presentation	50	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3
Report	Individual research proposal	30	0	MLO1, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Giles Barrett	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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