Crimes and Harms of the Powerful

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	5209CRIM
Formal Module Title	Crimes and Harms of the Powerful
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	12
Online	9
Workshop	12

Module Offering(s)

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

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This interdisciplinary Module aims to critically engage with important questions around harm, responsibility, accountability and regulation. It seeks to explore how and why particular acts (or failures to act) by particular actors become viewed as 'crimes' worthy of criminal justice sanction, whilst others do not. The Module aims to apply the core concepts of harm, responsibility, accountability and regulation to the study of powerful people, groups and institutions. In doing so, it hopes to enhance students' knowledge and understanding of social harm theory, the harms caused by state and state-corporate acts and omissions, the competing claims made around organisational and individual agency, and the problems and possibilities of different regulatory approaches.

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Analyse the role of power in discourses around harm, blame and accountability.
MLO2	2	Identify and apply a range of approaches to how crimes/harms are linked to powerful actors.
MLO3	3	Consider the problems and possibilities of current ways of responding to harm and the strengths and weaknesses of alternative approaches.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	• Power, crime and criminalisation.• State, corporate and state-corporate crimes and harms.• Harm within the criminal justice system.• Regulation in theory and practice. • Problems and possibilities of agency and accountability.
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This Module encourages students to consider 'the powerful' as a source of harm and crime. It applies a range of criminological theories and concepts to real-life examples, drawn from both the local and global context. The Module also explores the criminal justice system as a site of harm, and as such, develops students' understanding of power, 'crime' and criminalisation. The group project is further designed to cultivate organisational, team-working and time management skills.

Assessments

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

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Lisa White	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings