

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: APPLYING PSYCHOLOGY TO CRIME AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR
Status: Definitive
Code: **5504LAWSTH** (116258)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011
Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 90.00
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 150

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	40.000
Seminar	10.000
Tutorial	20.000
Workshop	20.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay - Analyse the role of psychology in attempting to understand crime and criminal behaviour (2,500 words).	40.0	
Essay	AS2	Essay - Case study: Evaluate the effectiveness of the management of individuals with mental health issues within the criminal justice system (3,000 words).	60.0	

Aims

*To introduce students to the area of psychological study and the various approaches that can be used in an attempt to understand crime and criminal behaviour.
To develop students knowledge in understanding mental health and crime and how this is managed within the criminal justice system.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Evaluate psychology's role in attempting to understand human criminal behaviour and mental health.
- 2 Analyse how mental health and crime are often co-partnered within the criminal justice system.
- 3 Evaluate the role of the criminal justice system and multi-agencies in managing mental health and crime.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	1	
Essay	2	3

Outline Syllabus

Theoretical approaches of psychology linked to crime and criminal behaviour, mental health to include definitions, diagnosis and classification through use of DSM and ICD criteria. Powers contained within Mental Health legislation Links between mental health and crime and criminal behaviour. Diminished responsibility, plea of insanity, treatment of offenders, Multi-agency response, The Bradley report and its recommendations. Reflections of 2007 Mental Health Act and its implications relating to Human Rights and Criminal Justice.

Learning Activities

Lectures will focus on theories relating to psychology and how this relates to human behaviour, in particular, criminal behaviour. Lectures will also be used to inform students of issues relating to mental health and to form links between psychology and mental health. Guest speakers from the field will be used to provide relevant examples of relating theory to practice and to illustrate how the criminal justice system and associated multi-agencies deal with mental health associated with crime and criminal activity.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	JONES, D W
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Understanding Criminal Behaviour: Psychosocial Approaches to Criminality
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Cullompton, Willan
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	CARSON, D, MILNE, R, PAKES, F, SHALEVE, K and SHAWYER, A
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Applying Psychology to Criminal Justice
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Chichester, Wiley
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	PAKES, F and WINSTONE, J
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Psychology and Crime: Understanding and Tackling Offending Behaviour
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Cullompton, Willan
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	GROSS, R
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Psychology: The Science of Mind and Behaviour
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Hodder and Stoughton
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	MCGUIRE, J
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Understanding Psychology and Crime
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Maidenhead, Open University

Notes

This module is aimed at providing a level of understanding for students working within the criminal justice sector on approaches to psychology and how psychological theory can be used in an attempt to understand criminal behaviour. Using psychological theory the module will then develop into an understanding of mental health issues, through use of relevant criterion, leading to how individuals within the criminal justice system are dealt with.

Formative assessment will include a ten minute power point presentation to develop you communication skills.