

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: PRISONS
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 24
Total Delivered Hours: 43.5
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 196.5

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	21
Tutorial	21

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	1x3000 word essay	50	
Presentation	AS2	1x1000 word reflective account based on group presentation	20	
Exam	AS3	exam - 2 questions, 1.5 hours	30	1.5

Aims

To introduce to the students the link between theory, practice and policy in the use of imprisonment in a contemporary society.

The module aims to provide students with a comparative understanding of the use of imprisonment in other major western penal systems.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand how the prison system in England and Wales has developed and its functions in contemporary society
- 2 Critically evaluate in a balanced way the strengths and weaknesses of prison policy in relation to resettlement, rehabilitation and education.
- 3 Compare and contrast the culture of prisoners and staff groups and the impact this has on prison life.
- 4 Critically analyse the concepts of control, power and masculinity in relation to the maintenance of order within the prison estate.
- 5 Examine and evaluate the systems in place to ensure accountability and governance within the prison estate.
- 6 Critically evaluate the impact of privatisation in the UK and internationally.
- 7 Work collaboratively and present findings to the wider group.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	1	2	3	4	5		
Presentation report	2	3					
Exam	1	2	3	4	6	7	

Outline Syllabus

SEMESTER 1: PRISON ORGANISATION, STRUCTURE AND CULTURE

Introduction: The political context of prisons and imprisonment

Development of the modern prison

Structure and organisation of the prison service

Prison culture

The prison population

The changing role of the Prison Officer

Prison governance and accountability

The parole process

Resettlement issues

SEMESTER 2: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN IMPRISONMENT

Prison violence

Suicide and self-harm

Drugs and prisons

Discrimination in prisons

Young people, children and imprisonment

Prison privatisation

Learning Activities

24 lectures: listening, notetaking, critical reflection.

18 tutorials: reading, discussion and presentation of material.

Assessment: researching, planning, and writing skills, teamwork.

Notes

The module systematically examines the whole process of the use of imprisonment in the United Kingdom examining the various crisis, prison policies and the growth and effects of those policies on prisoners and staff.

It will enable students to study and evaluate other prison systems and examine issues of control, gender, race and the growth of privatisation.