

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: SOCIAL POLICY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Status: Definitive
Code: **6002EDSP** (116187)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2016

Owning School/Faculty: Education
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 24
Total Delivered Hours: 48
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 192

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	16
Seminar	16
Tutorial	14

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS1	20 Minute Presentation and Paper	30	
Essay	AS2	2500 Word Essay	30	
Exam	AS3	Seen Examination	40	2

Aims

The module aims to explore and evaluate the development and effectiveness of the criminal justice system in Britain, with reference to concepts such as rehabilitation, social exclusion and social control

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically examine the historical development of criminal justice and penal policy within the wider political and ideological context.
- 2 Describe the operational structure and organisation of the Criminal Justice system, considering its effectiveness in meeting its aims.
- 3 Analyse key concepts relating to social exclusion, the notion of the 'penal-welfare state' and wider mechanisms of social control, rehabilitation and "desistance".

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Presentation	1
2500 word essay	2
EXAM	3

Outline Syllabus

The historical evolution of criminal justice & penal policy; The development of criminal justice policy since Thatcher; Trends in crime, fear of crime, crime and social exclusion; The Criminal Justice Process, roles & functions of the police, CSOs, CPS, courts, prison, probation and YJB; Theories of justice & punishment: deterrence, retribution, rehabilitation & reparation; Sanctions & influences on sentencing; "Prison works" – contemporary penal policy; The Criminal Justice System and mental illness; Young offenders and desistance, anti-social behaviour; Rehabilitation processes: probation, educational support, Nacro; The 'penal-welfare state', social control, 'net widening', regulation & state intervention; Women in the Criminal Justice System

Learning Activities

Lectures and seminars including group work and group discussion, supported by individual academic tutorials.

Notes

This module will describe, analyse and evaluate the historical development and application of social policy in relation to criminal justice examining the links between the two. It will consider how popular perceptions and political ideologies influence, change, and lead to the development of policy in the operation of criminal justice and social welfare agencies. It will also look at the effectiveness of criminal justice policy, and in the ways that individuals are affected by policies in action with a particular

emphasis on interrelationships between agencies, and concepts such as rehabilitation and social control.