

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: SEX, CRIME AND SOCIETY  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6002LAWPL** (108048)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 24      **Total Delivered Hours:** 34  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 206

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	18
Seminar	6
Tutorial	8

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	Examination: 2 hrs unseen	50	2
Essay	AS2	Coursework: maximum 3,000 words	50	

### Aims

*To develop a knowledge and understanding of the principles, policies and doctrines relating to the criminalisation and de-criminalisation of sexual, and sexually-related behaviour within society.*

*To provide a critical analysis of the rationale for, and scope of, a selective range of*

*sexual offences in their socio-legal context.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an awareness and detailed understanding of the main policy and doctrinal issues in, and development of, sexual offences
- 2 Demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between legal principles and other disciplines, including politics, sociology and ethics
- 3 Demonstrate the ability to select key research issues, identify relevant primary and secondary sources of information, and utilise a variety of legal and other electronic sources of information
- 4 Demonstrate the ability to apply gained legal knowledge to complex problems, to evaluate this application and draw logical conclusions supported by legal argument and authority
- 5 Demonstrate the ability to develop as an independent learner by taking responsibility for seminar preparation, coursework research and preparation, and examination preparation
- 6 Demonstrate a higher level ability to use and apply appropriate legal terminology, structure and language in writing

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

EXAM	1	2	4	5	6
Essay	1	2	3	5	6

## **Outline Syllabus**

*The nature, history, morality and social perspectives of sexual offences.*

*The criminalisation of sexual behaviour eg rape, sexual assault.*

*Sexual offences and young persons eg child sexual activity, indecent photographs.*

*Sexual offences and mentally disordered persons.*

*The Sexual Offences Act 2003*

*Sentencing: judicial attitudes and legislative measures.*

*Prostitution and street offences: socio-legal dimensions, criminal and non-criminal activities, specific offences eg soliciting, kerb-crawling, brothel keeping, exploitation.*

*Reform*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures, seminars, self-directed learning, structured revision session, coursework preparation

## **Notes**

As the phenomenon of sexual offences does not exist in a vacuum, the module will evaluate critically those offences from a variety of perspectives: historical and modern; social/cultural; ethical and moral; political. Within these contexts, the criminalisation of sexual behaviour will be evaluated and the law applied critically to specific factual situations. Particular emphasis will be placed on the ongoing dynamic development of sexual offences, especially the rationale for and effectiveness of reform