

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: GENDER, CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6004CRIM** (114397)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 12.00  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 24.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120  
**Private Study:** 96

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Runs Twice - S1 & S2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2500 word essay.	100.0	

### Aims

*Develop an understanding of how the study of gender has been variously constructed and developed within criminology, particularly since the 1970s.  
Explore the relationship of gender to offending and victimization.  
Explore the nature and significance of gender differentials in crime control, criminal justice and penal policies.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically assess the gender differentials in relation to a variety of criminal and other socially harmful activities.
- 2 Engage critically with the concepts and theories regarding the relationship between femininities and masculinities and crime.
- 3 Analyse critically the origins, trajectories and impacts of local, national and international state responses to the gendered natures and impacts of to a variety of criminal and other socially harmful activities, as well as the co-opted roles of actors and institutions beyond the state sector.
- 4 Critically assess the competing interpretation of gendered crime and gendered crime control.
- 5 Critically interrogate the relationships between gender, and other social divisions, and definitions, practices and effects of crime, harm, criminal justice and criminology.
- 6 Synthesise insights from a range of disciplines pertaining to the relationships between gender and crime, harm, power and 'the state'.

### Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2500 word essay.                    1    2    3    4    5    6

### Outline Syllabus

*Introduction: The gendered nature of crime.*  
*Feminism and criminology: the establishment of a 'gendered lens'?*  
*Explaining female criminality.*  
*The gendered nature of social and criminal justice strategies.*  
*The gender question and community punishments.*  
*Imprisoning women: difficulties, debates and dilemmas.*  
*Feminism and victimology.*  
*Masculinities and crime.*

### Learning Activities

This module is taught on the basis of a 2-hour interactive lecture which will variously comprise 'traditional' lecturing, small group discussions, structured use of media resources, structured activities and an invited speaker.

### References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Carlen, P. & Worrall, A.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2004
<b>Title</b>	Analysing Women's Imprisonment.
<b>Subtitle</b>	

<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Cullumpton, Willan Publishing
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Chesney-Lind, M. & Pasko, L.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2004
<b>Title</b>	The Female Offender: Girls, Women and Crime.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	2nd Edition.
<b>Publisher</b>	Sage Publications.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Gelsthorpe, L & Morris, A. (eds).
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1994
<b>Title</b>	Feminist Perspectives in Criminology.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Buckingham, Open University Press.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Heidensohn, F. (ed).
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2006
<b>Title</b>	Gender and Justice: New concepts and approaches.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Cullompton, Willan.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Mclvor, G. (ed).
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2004
<b>Title</b>	Women Who Offend.
<b>Subtitle</b>	Number 44 in the Research Highlights in Social Work series.
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Rafter, N. & Heidensohn, F. (eds).
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1995
<b>Title</b>	International Feminist Perspectives in criminology:
<b>Subtitle</b>	engendering a discipline.
<b>Edition</b>	

<b>Publisher</b>	Buckingham, Open University Press.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Smart, C.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1976
<b>Title</b>	Women, Crime and Criminology.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London/Boston, Routledge.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Stanko, E. (ed).
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2003
<b>Title</b>	The Meaning of Violence.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London, Routledge.
<b>ISBN</b>	

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## Notes

This course will chart the trajectory of criminology's engagement with the issue of gender, particularly since the 1970s. It will address initial feminist concerns to render visible the experiences of girls and women and the impact of these endeavours, prior to exploring contemporary concerns regarding the relationship of 'femininities' and 'masculinities' to crime and its control. In this way it will encourage students to critically address the issue of gender and its significance for the development of criminological knowledge.