

Summary Information

Module Code	6008LAWCJ
Formal Module Title	Contemporary Issues in Prisons and Probation
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Grading Schema	40

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Robert Hesketh	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Lawrence Burke	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Online	22
Tutorial	11

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. To explore the nature and purpose of legitimacy, law and risk 2. To critically examine contemporary issues in penology 3. To explore the ability of the Criminal Justice system to respond to the complex needs of offenders in community and custodial settings 4. To evaluate the relative strengths and weaknesses of progressive alternatives in penology
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Critically assess the nature and purpose of legitimacy, law and risk, using relevant theoretical ideas
MLO2	Critically examine contemporary issues in penology, with reference to advanced theoretical ideas
MLO3	Critically evaluate the ability of the Criminal Justice system to respond to the complex needs of offenders in community and custodial settings
MLO4	Critically evaluate the relative strengths and weaknesses of progressive alternatives in penology

Module Content

Outline Syllabus
Session 1: Introduction. Critiquing legitimacy and the 'law' Session 2: Surveillance, new technology and social control Session 3: Public Protection and Risk Management Session 4: Privatisation, competition and commodification Session 5: Civil society and the penal voluntary sector Session 6: Desistance, theory and practice DIRECTED STUDY Session 7: Rethinking Penology Session 8: Service user engagement Session 9: Radical alternatives Session 10: Thinking beyond the punitive rationale Session 11: Conclusion and module overview

Module Overview

The aim of this module is to enable you to develop your learning and understanding of penology building on the introductory course at level 5. You will be given the opportunity to critically evaluate and consider contemporary issues in penology with a clear focus on the theory, policy and practice which surrounds community and custodial interventions.

Additional Information

The aim of this module is to enable students to develop their learning and understanding of penology building on the introductory course at level 5. Students will be given the opportunity to critically evaluate and consider contemporary issues in penology with a clear focus on the theory, policy and practice which surrounds community and custodial interventions. Specific consideration will be given to the tensions, dilemmas and critiques which surround the delivery of interventions with those individuals who present complex needs.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	4,500 words essay	100	0	MLO3, MLO1, MLO4, MLO2