

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Dissertation in Critical Criminology  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 36      **Total Delivered Hours:** 13  
**Total Learning Hours:** 360      **Private Study:** 347

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Tutorial	8
Workshop	5

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2,000 word piece	15	
Dissertation	AS2	12,000 word dissertation	85	

### Aims

*To develop the ability of students to analyse and interrogate a body of knowledge in a manner conforming to the tenets of disciplined, lucid and critical scholarship.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Evaluate and process primary and secondary data within the context of specified research objectives.
- 2 Develop a coherent and analytical argument which is related to the initial problem or hypothesis.
- 3 Reflect critically on the nature and purpose of research, particularly with regard to the link between empirical data and theory generation.

### **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

2,000 word piece	1	
12,000 word dissertation	2	3

### **Outline Syllabus**

*A research topic will be chosen by the student which, subject to the feasibility of the proposal, will be developed by the student. The student will see the supervisor for 10 hours during the year to discuss the progress of the dissertation.*

### **Learning Activities**

Original data collection, fieldwork, archival work, reading, constructing draft chapters, integrating the supervisor's comments, writing the final draft.

### **Notes**

The module encourages students to generate their own original data on an issue congruent with the themes of the programme and to produce a piece of work which engages critically with theory and method. Therefore, it is designed to enhance the research and analytical skills of students and to encourage them to be proactive, independent learners through constructing a dissertation which either adds to or challenges existing work in their chosen area. At Level 5, students will pursue a 24 credit course on The Politics and Practice of Criminological Research. This course is designed to introduce students to the issues and processes involved in establishing and conducting a piece of research, including considering the ethical issues involved in conducting research. The course will provide the base on which students can build towards their dissertation.