

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Crimes of the Powerful  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6011LAWCJ** (121467)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 44  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 156

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	11
Workshop	11

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	4500 words essay	100	

### Aims

- To explore critically the social construction and various definitions of crime.
- To critically discuss the relationship between these definitions and the various sources of power within society, on both a national and an international level.
- To consider critically the crimes that can occur as a result of imbalances of power within society, on the micro, mezzo and macro societal levels.
- To critically analyse the ways in which the criminal justice process responds to different types of crimes of the powerful.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically consider various definitions of crime and the relationship between crime and the multiple sources of power in society.
- 2 Discuss and critically analyse the crimes that can occur as a result of imbalances of power in society, on individual, national and international levels.
- 3 Critically analyse the reactions and responses to power based crimes, both within the criminal justice system and in wider society.
- 4 Consider the bias that operates within the 'all powerful' criminal justice system, in relation to these crimes.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

4500 words essay	1	2	3	4
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## Outline Syllabus

- *Intro: thinking critically about crime and power*
- *Globalisation*
- *Terrorism*
- *War and Crime*
- *Organised Crime*
- *Green Criminology*
- *Human Trafficking*
- *Abuses of Police Power*
- *Institutional Violence*
- *Corporate Crime*
- *Scandal and a Criminology of Harm*

## Learning Activities

Lectures  
Online activities  
Workshops

## Notes

The module aims to equip students with the skills required to demonstrate a critical understanding of crimes involving the abuse of social and/or individual power. Discussion will centre on the different strata of causation and response in this area – at the individual, national and international levels – and a critical understanding of

theoretical and empirical debates relating to these issues. The module therefore builds on skills and understanding acquired at levels 4 & 5.