

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Substance Use, Society and Criminal Justice
Status: Definitive
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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 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	5000 word essay	100	

Aims

This module aims to provide students with a broad understanding of the socio-cultural place of substance use. It will investigate different paradigms and perspectives on substance (mis)use and explore relevant drug policy. The module will also seek to provide students with a comprehension of how we practically respond to substance use via treatment interventions.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding of the nature and prevalence of substance use in society.
- 2 Explore the role and place of substance use in society.
- 3 Discuss drug and alcohol policy and practice.
- 4 Examine and explain the relationship between substance use, crime and disorder and criminal justice responses to this.
- 5 Critically analyse prevention and control strategies.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

5000 word essay	1	2	3	4	5
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Outline Syllabus

The place and role of substance use in society

The use, abuse and (mis)use of substances in society

Harm, risk and classification

Constructing and deconstructing 'drugs'

Exploring the link between drugs, alcohol and crime

The war on drugs and drug prohibition

Old prohibition and new prohibition - drug policy reform

Drug policy in the UK

Alcohol policy in the UK

Interventions with drug users: models of treatment

Interventions with drug users: addressing (mis)use in the criminal justice system

Interventions with drug users: addressing (mis)use outside of the criminal justice system

Learning Activities

Lectures

Online activities

Independent study; critical thinking.

Notes

This module attempts to critically deconstruct the role and place of substance use in contemporary society. Furthermore it will provide an analysis of the legitimacy of drug policy and the efficacy of interventions with substance (mis)users.