

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Power, Gender and Criminal Justice
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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: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 64.90

Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 175

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	43.200
Workshop	19.200

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2,500 word essay	50.0	
Exam	AS2	Answer 2 Questions in 2hrs	50.0	2.50

Aims

- 1. To develop an understanding of how the study of gender has been variously constructed and developed within criminology, particularly since the 1970s.*
- 2. To explore the relationship of gender to offending and victimization.*

3. To critically examine 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 Develop a complex and specialised area of theoretical knowledge in relation to gender and criminology
- 2 Critically evaluate current scholarship within criminology regarding the relationship between the social construction of masculinity, femininity and crime
- 3 Display detailed knowledge of contemporary policy debates within critical criminological theory.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2,500 word essay	1	2
2hr exam	2	3

Outline Syllabus

Block 1: History and Epistemology

- *Feminism and its interactions with criminology*
- *Feminist Epistemologies*

Block 2: Women, Crime and Victimisation

- *The gendered nature of crime.*
- *Explaining female criminality*
- *Criminal Pathways*
- *Sex work*

- Gender, space and safety

- Feminism and victimology

- Rape and sexual violence

Block 3: Power, Male Violence and Feminist Interventions

- Hegemonic Masculinity, Femininity and Male Violence

- Foucauldian Feminism

- Masculinity and Femicide

- Contesting Male Violence

Block 4: Crime control, criminal justice and penal policies

- The criminalization of social policy

- Discourses of femininity and the criminal justice process

- Punishing women

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 invited speakers.

References

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

Course Material	Book
Author	Connell, R. W.
Publishing Year	1987
Title	Gender and Power
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Cambridge: Polity.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Davies, P.
Publishing Year	2010
Title	Gender, Crime and Victimisation
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Evans, K. and Jamieson, J.
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Gender and Crime: A Reader,
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Maidenhead: Open University Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Gelsthorpe L. and Morris A. (eds.)
Publishing Year	1994
Title	Feminist Perspectives in Criminology
Subtitle	
Edition	

Publisher	Buckingham, Open University Press.
ISBN	

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

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

Course Material	Book
Author	Mooney, J.
Publishing Year	2000
Title	Gender, Violence and the Social Order
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Cullompton: Willan.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Silvestri, M. And Crowther-Dowey, C.
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Gender and Crime
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Stevens. A.
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Confronting the 'Malestream'
Subtitle	The Contributions of Feminist Criminologies, Issues in Community and Criminal Justice, Monograph 7
Edition	

Publisher	London: NAPO.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Wykes, M and Welsh, K.
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Violence, Gender and Justice
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Sage.
ISBN	

Notes

This module 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. It will also focus on the relationship between gender, power and male violence. In these ways the module will encourage students to critically address the issue of gender and its significance for the development of criminological knowledge.