

Comparative Criminal Justice

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	6020LAWCJ
Formal Module Title	Comparative Criminal Justice
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	12
Seminar	12

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	The overall aim of this module is to examine the practices, policies, and philosophies of criminal justice in different cultural and geographical contexts and provide an overview of different types of criminal justice systems around the globe. It will trace the evolution of different criminal justice systems and assess their legal doctrines and applications of punishment. Comparative criminal justice studies identify four major legal traditions that each have their own respective body of laws: Common law; Civil law; Socialist law; and Sharia law. This module will focus upon the different types of societies that use these laws, their methods of legal enforcement and their different types of punishment, such as capital, corporal, and carceral. It will study the different types of legal tradition and analyse the issues they solve and create. It will use this information in order to learn not only more effective ways of enforcing laws, but also to identify the problems that may arise within a system due to its methods.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate an advanced and theoretical understanding of the four major legal traditions
MLO2	2	Critically evaluate how different legal traditions work through each stage of the criminal justice process
MLO3	3	Critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of different systems of criminal justice
MLO4	4	Compare and contrast different approaches to, and understandings of, criminal justice in a globalised context, using theoretical ideas as a platform

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	An introduction to comparative criminal justice: crime across the countries The historical-political approach to comparative criminal justice The four major legal traditions: Common law; Civil law; Socialist law; and Sharia law The Common Law model: courts, criminal procedure, policing, and punishment The Civil Law model: courts, criminal procedure, policing, and punishment The Socialist model: courts, criminal procedure, policing, and punishment The Sharia model: courts, criminal procedure, policing, and punishment Alternative models of criminal justice
Module Overview	The overall aim of this module is to examine the practices, policies, and philosophies of criminal justice in different cultural and geographical contexts and provide an overview of different types of criminal justice systems around the globe. This module will therefore provide a critical understanding of the development of alternative justice processes across the globe.
Additional Information	Comparative criminal justice is a subfield of the study of criminal justice that compares justice systems worldwide and examines how concepts of law and punishment vary from country to country. It studies the similarities and differences in structure and goals, as well as the history and political stature of different systems. Research on comparative criminal justice systems focuses on the various ways nation states attempt to maintain social order and accomplish justice, and examines the ways different countries and jurisdictions deal with the main stages and elements in the criminal justice process, from policing through to sentencing. This module will therefore provide students with a critical understanding of the development of alternative justice processes across the globe.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Dissertation	4000 word project	100	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Kate Bates	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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