

Summary Information

Module Code	6102LAWPL
Formal Module Title	Sex, Crime and Society
Owning School	Law
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Grading Schema	40

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Noel Cross	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Law

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
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Lecture	24
Seminar	12
Tutorial	12

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	To develop a knowledge and understanding of the principles, policies and doctrines relating to the criminalisation and de-criminalisation of sexual, and sexually-related, behaviour within society. To provide a critical analysis of the rationale for, and scope of, a selective range of sexual offences in their socio-legal context. To provide a critical awareness of the issues and challenges involved in applying relevant legal principles to legal scenarios.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Demonstrate an awareness and detailed understanding of the main policy and doctrinal issues in, and development of, sexual offences.
MLO2	Demonstrate the ability to select key research issues, identify relevant primary and secondary sources of information, and utilise a variety of legal and other electronic sources of information.
MLO3	Demonstrate the ability to apply gained legal knowledge to complex problems, to evaluate this application and draw logical conclusions supported by legal argument and authority.
MLO4	Demonstrate the ability to apply gained legal knowledge to complex problems, to evaluate this application and draw logical conclusions supported by legal argument and authority.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus
The nature, history, morality and social perspectives of sexual offences, including discourses on homosexuality. The major reforms instituted by the Sexual Offences Act 2003. The criminalisation of sexual behaviour e.g. rape, sexual assaults. Sexual offences and young persons e.g. child sexual activity, grooming, indecent photographs. Sentencing: judicial attitudes and legislative measures. Prostitution and street offences: socio-legal dimensions and discourses, criminal and non-criminal activities, specific offences e.g. soliciting, brothel-keeping, causing and controlling prostitution. Reform

Module Overview

Additional Information

As the phenomenon of sexual offences does not exist in a vacuum, the module will evaluate critically those offences from a variety of perspectives: historical and modern; social/cultural; ethical and moral; political. Within these contexts, the criminalisation of sexual behaviour will be evaluated and the law applied critically to specific factual situations. There will be consideration of the ongoing dynamic development of sexual offences, including the rationale for and effectiveness of reform, and comparative analyses.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay 1	50	0	MLO2, MLO1, MLO4
Centralised Exam	Unseen Exam	50	2	MLO3, MLO1, MLO4