

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Contemporary Issues
Status: Definitive
Code: **6103PS** (122733)
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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
Seminar	11
Tutorial	11

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2500 Word Essay	70	
Report	AS2	Annotated Bibliography 2000 words	30	

Aims

- 1. The module aims to develop student understanding by looking at issues that are current and relevant in policing today. It will specifically cover public order and protest, human trafficking and intelligence and security.*
- 2. Students will be provided with an opportunity to consider the nature of policing challenges and responses together with the latest research and policy implications.*

The issues will also be considered from a social and political perspectives.
3. *The module will be underpinned by relevant theoretical perspectives, policy developments and cutting edge empirical research providing students with the opportunity for discussion that is intellectually stimulating and at the forefront of policing scholarship and practice.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically assess contemporary issues that are the subject of study.
- 2 Contrast with wider contextual, political, social and theoretical factors relevant to the issues.
- 3 Explain the emerging contemporary policing challenges and evaluate responses.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2500 word essay	1	2	3
Annotated Bibliography	1	2	3

Outline Syllabus

Human Trafficking - this module will provide a critical understanding of the issues encompassing human trafficking, which includes a comprehension of the definition and the elements that constitute human trafficking, an examination of the phenomenon of human trafficking setting it into a modern context and outlining the problems and the differing types of trafficking.

Public Order and Protest - An examination of the concept of public order, the sociological and psychological theories that seek to explain the causes and dynamics of disorder, the legal issues surrounding public order and the contemporary public order policing challenges.

Intelligence and Surveillance - The student will be introduced to a number of diverse structures and models relating to western intelligence and how that information is assessed, graded, processed and ultimately used in respect of state security and enforcement. A theme will be the on-going debate between legislative frameworks, individual human rights and the ever-increasing demand for state security.

Learning Activities

The module you will adopt a reflective approach to the subject matter providing the tools required to develop student learning. It will combine traditional teaching strategies with practical application.

Lectures, supported by online learning materials, will be delivered by the module

team and, on occasions, guest speakers with practical expertise in aspects of the curriculum.

Seminars will be used to promote small group discussions in which students and the lecturer can discuss information on a chosen issue. They provide an opportunity to explore topics by discussion, and to identify and sort out any problems.

Workshops will be used to enable students to explore the issues raised in lectures and through their own reading. It will give students an opportunity to interact with each other in furthering their own and others' understanding of the issues. Through small group discussions and individual and group exercises students will have the opportunity to share experiences, as well as to learn and practice new skills.

Notes

This module aims to address subjects that are current. As a result, while the module aims remain constant the subject matter may vary.