

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Contemporary Issues
Status: Definitive
Code: **6103PSDL** (122840)
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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: Runs Twice - S1 & S2

Component	Contact Hours
Online	44

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	4500 Words Essay (online submission)	100	

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 the issues, policing challenges and responses, together with the latest research and policy implications. The issues will also be considered from 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 evaluate contemporary issues in policing that are the subject of study.
- 2 Explain the emerging contemporary policing challenges and evaluate responses.
- 3 Compare and contrast these with wider contextual, political, social and theoretical factors relevant to the issues.
- 4 Synthesise your knowledge of contemporary policing issues to construct an argument; integrating new knowledge in order to write a well-argued paper on the threats and challenges posed by contemporary policing issues.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

4500 Words Essay	1	2	3	4
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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 services and how that information is assessed, graded, processed and ultimately used in respect of state security and law enforcement. A core theme will be the on-going debate between legislative frameworks, individual human rights and the ever-increasing demand for state security.

Learning Activities

An on-line induction session will be supported by on-line forums.

Students will be expected to engage in self-directed learning to develop their

knowledge of the field.

The module will adopt a reflective approach to the subject matter providing the tools required to develop student learning and independent on-line study. It will offer several on-line teaching strategies and digital resources in order to support practical application.

As well as the above there will be workshops supported by online learning materials and forums which 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 opportunities to share experiences, solve problems 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.

While L6 studies are not a part of study for the Certificate in Knowledge of Policing the module addresses elements of the National Occupational Standards CD5/ CI 101/ CB1/ CJ201/ CJ101/ GC10/ CD1/ BE2/ CK1 and CK2.

<http://www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk/qualifications-and-credit-framework-qcf.html>