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Title: Justice, Ethics and Responsibility
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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:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 42

Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 158

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Online	5
Tutorial	15
Workshop	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay 4,500 words	100	

Aims

1. Critically analyse competing theoretical explanations of justice.
2. Seeks to explore the ethics of contemporary criminal justice policy and practice.
3. Compares and contrasts different ethical and political perspectives on legal

(criminal) responsibility.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically analyse justice and responsibility from divergent theoretical perspectives, evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of different theories.
- 2 Critically appreciate the ethical, legal and political contexts generating understandings of justice and responsibility.
- 3 Demonstrate independent critical thought when conceptualising justice, ethics and responsibility.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay (4,500 words)	1	2	3
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Outline Syllabus

The module will critically explore theories of justice, including political theories of social justice and the meaning of injustice.

It will draw upon case studies exploring the ethics of criminal justice, including discussion of ethics of law; criminal process; policing; punishment; and prisons.

The module will also consider the complex relationship between ethics, justice and criminal (legal) responsibility.

Learning Activities

Lectures and tutorials (drop in sessions). Note-taking, reading, small group discussion and contribution to tutorial work, preparation, planning and writing of assessed work including work library research

Notes

This module discusses competing theoretical explanations of justice and responsibility. It focuses on the current workings of criminal 'justice' processes and how justice (including social justice) is understood in contemporary society. It introduces ideas and concepts derivative of several competing theoretical perspectives of justice and assesses their impact upon social policy and penal practices. The module explores both the political and ethical meanings of justice and through a number of case studies, including those on penal incarceration, explores the ethics of the criminal law across a number of state institutions. The module also critically considers the ethics of criminal responsibility, highlighting the problem of

social 'injustice' in structurally unequal societies.