

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Criminalisation, Punishment and the State
Status: Definitive
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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: 42
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 158

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Online	5
Tutorial	15
Workshop	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay 2,500 words	50	
Essay	AS2	Briefing Paper 2,500 words	50	

Aims

1. *Critically analyse recent criminological theory examining the increasing emphasis on 'crime' and punishment in contemporary statecraft and the management of social inequalities.*

2. *Utilise case studies which illustrate the growing criminalisation of social policy and intersections of punishment across the policy terrains of penology and social policy*

since the late 1960s.

3. *Explore the limits of the logic of punishment and the current scope of criminalisation of social problems, locating discussion within a critical consideration of social divisions and state power.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically assess the origins, trajectory and impacts of critical criminological theories of punishment.
- 2 Examine critically the values, practices and processes of governance that underpin punishment within UK criminal justice systems, and allied agencies.
- 3 Critically interrogate the relationships between a variety of social divisions and definitions, practices and effects of punishment.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay (2,500 words)	1	
Briefing Paper (2,500 words)	2	3

Outline Syllabus

The module will critically explore critical criminological responses to the reconfiguration of punishment within a context of welfare retrenchment. It will draw upon key theories around punishment, social control and social harm to explore the management of social inequalities. The module will also consider the emergence and consolidation of the carceral state, the limitations of statecraft through penalisation and broader concerns regarding the criminalisation of social policy.

Learning Activities

Lectures, note-taking, participatory reading, small group discussions, structured use of media resources, structured activities, invited speakers and assessment workshops.

Notes

This module addresses the complexity and intersections of punishment across the policy terrains of penology and social policy since the late 1960s. It explores the historical and contemporary landscape of punishment within a context of diminishing and increasingly conditional welfare provision in order to explore how critical

criminology has contributed to our understanding of punishment, its role and its impacts. The module will encourage students to critically reflect on the reconfiguration of the state's power to punish.