

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: PSYCHOLOGY OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE
Status: Definitive
Code: **6212PSYSCI** (125702)
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Owning School/Faculty: Psychology
Teaching School/Faculty: Psychology

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 10
Total Delivered Hours: 22
Total Learning Hours: 100
Private Study: 78

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

| Component | Contact Hours |
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| Lecture | 22 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Essay | Essay | Essay to demonstrate understanding of psychological theories and explanations of sexual violence and its application to assessment, treatment and/or management of such offenders. | 100 | |

Aims

This module is designed to provide future criminal justice practitioners, who are presently studying at LJMU, with a basic understanding of the psychology of sexual violence. This is very important, as LJMU students aspiring to work in the criminal

justice system in future, WILL encounter this controversial topic and probably many times, during their careers. This module therefore aims to:

- 1. Provide students with an understanding of the different types of sexual violence (i. e. contact and non-contact offences, offences involving adults and children, known and stranger victims, and offences involving internet etc.).*
- 2. Provide students with an understanding of the psychological theories and motivational explanations which underpin our current understanding of why offenders commit such offences.*
- 3. Engage students in the applied nature of working in this field, by guiding them through the assessment and formulation of a case example.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a critical understanding of sexual violence and the range of sexual offender types and motivations.
- 2 Critically evaluate a range of psychological theories and explanations for sexual violence.
- 3 Apply theoretical knowledge to the assessment, treatment and/or management of a case example of sexual violence

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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| Essay | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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Outline Syllabus

This module aims to provide students who aspire to work (or are presently working) in the criminal justice system with a basic understanding of the psychology of sexual violence. The module will achieve this by introducing students to various topics, such as: What is sex offending? What do we know about sex offenders? Theories of sexual offending (adult and children); classification of sexual offending and sexual offenders; sexual deviancy and its relationship to sexual offending; assessing sex offenders (risk and formulation); treating sex offenders in clinical settings. This module will provide a basis for future study and/or employment in this fascinating area.

Learning Activities

Content will be delivered through weekly two hour lectures. However, a range of e'learning methods are utilised to enhance the student learning experience and to give them greater control over their own learning.

Members of the module team have direct experience of working with sex offenders,

both in secure and community settings. This has the advantage of allowing students to benefit from their specialist knowledge and experience within this field. Additionally, students will encounter different teaching styles, enriching their learning experience. Lecturers might use different approaches that are not listed above.

Notes

The Psychology of Sexual Violence is a 10 credit optional module for level 6 students studying Psychology, Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice, Criminology and Psychology, and Policing and Forensic Psychology. This aims to provide criminal justice practitioners of the future, with a basic understanding of sexual violence and sexual offenders.