

Psychology of Sexual Violence

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	6212PSYSCI
Formal Module Title	Psychology of Sexual Violence
Owning School	Psychology
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	10
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery	
Psychology	

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
			12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

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.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of sexual violence and the range of sexual offender types and motivations.
MLO2	2	Critically evaluate a range of psychological theories and explanations for sexual violence.
MLO3	3	Apply theoretical knowledge to the assessment, treatment and/or management of a case example of sexual violence

Module Content

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.
Module Overview	This module aims to provide criminal justice practitioners of the future a basic understanding of sexual violence and sexual offenders, providing you with an understanding of the different types of sexual violence and an understanding of the psychological theories and motivational explanations which underpin our current understanding of why offenders commit such offences.
Additional Information	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.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Centralised Exam	Essay	100	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Stephanie Kewley	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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