

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Policing the Roads
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 55
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 145

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	11
Workshop	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	2,500 word Essay on evidence base and social issues	60	
Portfolio	Portfolio	2000 equivalent	40	

Aims

*Develop the knowledge understanding relating to Roads Policing.
Develop knowledge and understanding to conduct investigations, in a Roads Policing context.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding necessary for roads policing.
- 2 Critically assess the evidence base associated with serious road policing offences, and strategies associated with reducing the number of collisions.
- 3 Critically assess challenges faced by roads policing officers in investigating more complex issues such as collisions and anti-social use of vehicles.
- 4 Critically assess and review the impact of police interventions upon community confidence, and achieving a reduction in crime and disorder.
- 5 Critically assess the social issues around quality of driving and the relative acceptance of traffic related offences compared to other serious crime.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2500 word Essay	1	2		
Portfolio	3	4	5	

Outline Syllabus

Evidence-base associated with serious road policing offences, including:

- *Behaviour of young drivers*
 - *Causes of death in road-related incidents*
 - *Social acceptance of serious road traffic offences compared to other serious offences*
- Common causes of road collisions and how they can be reduced:*
- *Content of a STATS19 report*
 - *Importance of interpreting the guidance set out in the STATS20 manual*
 - *The priorities set out in the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) Policing the Roads in Partnership 5 Year Strategy 2015-2020*
 - *Local strategies and initiatives in place to reduce the number of collisions*

Use of Body cams

Recording of police officer by public

Community culture and the use of vehicles

Radicalisation/ Trafficking

Impact of social and political change and resourcing demands on roads policing:

Doing more with less money and fewer officers

Increasing and different demands e.g. mental health and social issues, technical/digital

Acceptance or not of Drink and Drug driving

Use of other vehicles in an anti social way

Social Media.

Police and the Community.

Role of the press officer/corporate communications.

Effective engagement with the Media.

Learning Activities

Lectures, workshops and supported online Canvas activities.

Notes

Lectures will impart the knowledge to students, The directed study will reinforce and consolidate the knowledge. Workshops will contain exercises and scenarios to examine application.

Where relevant and appropriate the concept of evidence based policing will be introduced and its relevance explained. There will also be reference to the College of Policing 'What Works' facility.

National Policing Curriculum

Indicative Content

Policing the Roads

- 1.1 Commonly-used terms in policing the roads
- 1.2 Principal police functions in relation to policing the roads
- 1.3 The National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) Roads Policing Strategy
- 1.4 Health and safety risks within the roads policing environment
- 1.5 Partner agency roles 1.6 Role and function of family liaison in roads policing incidents
- 2.1 Key legislation including: • Road Traffic Act 1988 • Highway Act 1835, 1980 and 1988 • Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
- 2.2 Police powers relating to • Vehicles • Use of the highway • Documentation offences
- 2.3 Roads-related offences: • Vehicles, including anti-social behaviour • Use of the highway • Documentation offences • Breaches of legislation by commercial vehicles
- 3.1 Legislation and regulations relating to commercial vehicles and drivers of commercial vehicles: • Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986
- 3.2 Legal documentation required by vehicles: • Passenger Carrying Vehicles (PCV) and Large Goods Vehicles (LGV), including operators
- 3.3 Driver hours, rules and regulations: • Rules and regulations that govern driver hours, how they are recorded and how these can be breached • Regulations relating to: - Dangerous goods and hazardous materials - Weight of vehicles and abnormal indivisible loads
- 4.1 Roads-related anti-social behaviour and offences
- 4.2 Groups of people who are especially vulnerable in the roads environment
- 4.3 Impact of incidents upon victims and their families
- 5.1 Relevant case law and legislation in relation to drink/drug driving
- 5.2 Legislation and powers in relation to potential construction and use offences when conducting examinations of vehicles at the roadside
- 6.1 The CLEAR initiative

7.1 Criminal activity facilitated by the road network: • Drug smuggling • Human trafficking • Child sexual exploitation • Counterfeit goods • Organised crime groups

7.2 Methods of gathering intelligence and information

7.3 Stopping a vehicle, using the powers provided by Section 4 of Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984

7.4 Procedures and follow up actions where a suspect, or person of interest is arrested, or apprehended, following an incident or planned operation on the road network

8.1 Impact of organised crime activity at a national, regional and local level

8.2 How criminal activity on the road can be targeted

8.3 How to prevent and disrupt high-level crime on the road network

9.1 Definition of common terms associated with the strategic road network

9.2 Specific legislation applicable to the strategic road network, including: • Motorway Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982

10.1 Definition of the term 'pursuit'

10.2 Vehicles which are suitable for use in a pursuit and those which are prohibited from use

10.3 The extent to which police drivers are authorised to operate in the phases of a pursuit

11.1 Evidence-base associated with serious road policing offences, including: • Behaviour of young drivers • Causes of death in road-related incidents • Social acceptance of serious road traffic offences compared to other serious offences

11.2 Common causes of road collisions and how they can be reduced: • Content of a STATS19 report • Importance of interpreting the guidance set out in the STATS20 manual • The priorities set out in the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) Policing the Roads in Partnership 5 Year Strategy 2015-2020 • Local strategies and initiatives in place to reduce the number of collisions

Learning Outcomes

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11