

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND CRIME
Status: Definitive
Code: **6501LAWSTH** (116284)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 90.00

Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 150

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	40.000
Seminar	10.000
Tutorial	10.000
Workshop	30.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay - relating to substance misuse and society's response (3,000 words).	60.0	
Essay	AS2	Essay - Case study: review and compile appropriate intervention strategy to a given case study (2,000 words).	40.0	

Aims

The aim of this module is to identify, analyse and evaluate the issue relating to substance misuse and crime and formulate appropriate intervention strategies

across multi agency approaches.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically evaluate of a range of theories and explanations of substance misuse.
- 2 Formulate and justify a range of contemporary approaches and debates about working with substance misusers and critically review resources available in addressing substance misuse.
- 3 Formulate an assessment and intervention strategy within the context of existing patterns of service delivery based on a case scenario.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	1	2
Case Study	3	

Outline Syllabus

- *Changing social perceptions / constructions of the links between substance misuse and crime*
- *Theoretical explanations of substance misuse and their contribution to contemporary debates*
- *The impact of alcohol and illegal drugs*
- *The drugs industry*
- *The development of awareness of substance use and misuse in society*
- *Services that are available to people who misuse substances and how to access them*
- *Theoretical approaches as employed by different services and the likely impact these have on the people who use them*
- *Policy and law in Britain in relation to substance use and misuse*
- *Concepts of risk and risk management in relation to substance use – what constitutes risk, how it is measured and how it can be managed*

Learning Activities

Lectures, debates on current issues, research exercises, collective pooling, literature reviews, and input by visiting professionals from statutory and non-statutory agencies.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Pycroft, A
Publishing Year	2010
Title	Understanding and Working with Substance Misusers
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Rassool, G H
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Alcohol and Drug Misuse
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxon: Routledge
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Harris, P
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Drug Induced: Addiction and Treatment in Perspective
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Russell House Publishing
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Bennett, T and Holloway, K
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Drug-Crime Connections
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	New York: Cambridge University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Dingwall, G
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Alcohol and Crime
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Devon: Willan Publishing
ISBN	

Notes

This module will explore the history, effects and risks of legal and illegal substances that are misused. It will develop a multi-perspective understanding of substance use and misuse both nationally and internationally by enabling students to apply sociological, historical, psychological and cultural perspectives to the study of this subject. It will examine the complex relationships between substance misuse and crime, including legislation and policy relevant to varying substances and criminal activity associated with them. The differing professional and organisational values and ethics that affect policy and law are addressed, as are the methods and philosophies regarding services available to those who misuse substances.

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Learning outcome two is assessed twice in this module due to the wide ranging contemporary debates relating to societies response to substance misuse and the appropriate use of intervention strategies.