

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Criminology
Status: Definitive
Code: **6501STKHSC** (118492)
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Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health
Teaching School/Faculty: Stockport College

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 66.00
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 174

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	45.000
Seminar	9.000
Tutorial	12.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	Essay (3000 words)	50.0	
Reflection	Research	Research task involving students exploring the specific roles of practitioners who work in criminal justice. (3,000 words)	50.0	

Aims

To equip students with an understanding of theories and concepts of criminology and its relationship to health and social care.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- LO1 Critically review theories, explanations and perspectives concerning crime and deviance
- LO2 Justify and explain the roles and responsibilities of a range of professionals working within the criminal justice arena
- LO3 Critically assess the policy response to individuals who offend

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	LO 1
Research task	LO LO 2 3

Outline Syllabus

Defining crime and deviance – making sense of social constructions. Exploration of media representations and associated, popular discourses. The response of Governments to crime – from punishment to restorative justice. An evaluation of the criminal justice system and its impact on offending. Exploring theories about the social construction of deviance and punishment – explanations of offending in childhood and adolescence. Prevention and early intervention - working with children and families to divert criminal pathways. Risk factors and common themes – alcohol, family contexts, drugs, mental health, exclusion, domestic violence, bullying etc. Roles and responsibilities of key agencies who work within the criminal justice system.

Learning Activities

Group work looking at a range of scenarios and theories linked to criminological theory, informal and formal lectures, student directed study, workshops, case studies, focused discussion groups and guest speakers drawn from the field of criminal justice. Student led research into the roles and responsibilities of professionals who work within criminal justice.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Fionda, J.
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Devils and Angels: Youth Policy and Crime

Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Hart
ISBN	

Course Material	Website
Author	
Publishing Year	
Title	The Guardian Crime Section. http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/ukcrime
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Website
Author	
Publishing Year	
Title	Home Office. http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/soti.html
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Website
Author	
Publishing Year	
Title	Ministry of Justice. http://www.justice.gov.uk/
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Website
Author	
Publishing Year	
Title	NACRO. http://www.nacro.org.uk/
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Williams, K.
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Textbook on Criminology
Subtitle	

Edition	
Publisher	Open University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Smith, R.
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Youth Justice: Ideas, Policy and Practice
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd
Publisher	Willan Publishing
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Maguire, M, Morgan, R and Reiner, R.
Publishing Year	2007
Title	The Oxford Handbook of Criminology
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Open University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Newburn, T.
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Criminology
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Open University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Muncie, J.
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Youth and Crime
Subtitle	
Edition	3rd
Publisher	Open University Press
ISBN	

Notes

This module explores the nature and extent of crime and the sources of our knowledge about offending, deviance and its prevention. Key theories and explanations of crime and individuals who offend form a key part of this module. Media depictions of offenders, policy responses and future directions in relation to

criminal justice are included.