

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Sex, Crime and Society
Status: Definitive
Code: **7003LAWPL** (124271)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 22
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 178

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Tutorial	11

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	SCS ASS	5000 word essay for Sex, Crime and Society	100	

Aims

To develop a knowledge and understanding of the principles, policies and doctrines relating to the criminalisation and de-criminalisation of sexual, and sexually-related behaviour within society.

To provide a critical analysis of the rationale for, and scope of, a selective range of sexual offences in their socio-legal context.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a critical and advanced awareness and detailed understanding of the main policy and doctrinal issues in, and development of, sexual offences
- 2 Demonstrate a critical and advanced awareness of the relationship between legal principles and other disciplines, including politics, sociology and ethics
- 3 Demonstrate an advanced critical ability to select key research issues, identify relevant primary and secondary sources of information, and utilise a variety of legal and other electronic sources of information
- 4 Demonstrate the advanced and critical ability to apply gained legal knowledge to complex problems, to critically evaluate this application and draw logical conclusions supported by legal argument and authority
- 5 Demonstrate the critical ability to develop as an independent learner at M level by taking responsibility for seminar preparation, coursework research and preparation
- 6 Demonstrate an advanced and theoretically-informed ability to use and apply appropriate legal terminology, structure and language in writing

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Sex, Crime and Society Essay	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Outline Syllabus

The nature, history, morality and social perspectives of sexual offences.

The criminalisation of sexual behaviour eg rape, sexual assault.

Sexual offences and young persons eg child sexual activity, indecent photographs.

Sexual offences and mentally disordered persons.

The Sexual Offences Act 2003

Sentencing: judicial attitudes and legislative measures.

Prostitution and street offences: socio-legal dimensions, criminal and non-criminal activities, specific offences eg soliciting, kerb-crawling, brothel keeping, exploitation.

Reform

Learning Activities

Lectures, tutorials

Notes

As the phenomenon of sexual offences does not exist in a vacuum, the module will evaluate critically those offences from a variety of perspectives: historical and modern; social/cultural; ethical and moral; political. Within these contexts, the criminalisation of sexual behaviour will be evaluated and the law applied critically to specific factual situations. Particular emphasis will be placed on the ongoing dynamic development of sexual offences, especially the rationale for and effectiveness of reform. The workshop format will allow students to receive formative feedback on their understanding of the issues.