

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **7006LAWCJ** (107850)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2010

Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7  
**Credit Value:** 15.00  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 24.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 150  
**Private Study:** 126

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12.000
Tutorial	12.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Coursework - 5000 word essay	100.0	

### Aims

*To provide students with a broad critical understanding of the different paradigms and perspectives on substance (mis)use and relevant policy in relation to crime and criminal justice.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the nature and prevalence of drug and alcohol use and crime.
- 2 Discuss critically drug and alcohol policies in relation to crime.
- 3 Examine and critically evaluate drug related crime and disorder, and criminal justice responses to these problems.
- 4 Critically analyse drug and alcohol-related prevention and control strategies.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	1	2	3	4
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## Outline Syllabus

*An Introduction to Drugs, Alcohol and Issues in Criminal Justice:*

*History of drugs and alcohol in the UK*

*'But we're not hurting anyone': the social debate on why we prohibit drug use*

*Who uses drugs? A discussion of the demographics of users (i.e. age, gender, race and class)*

*Prevalence of drug use and problems associated with it*

*Drugs and crime: a causal link?*

*Alcohol and Street Crime:*

*Drinking and violence*

*Drinking and driving*

*Drunk, drugged or harmless: the 'homeless'*

*Drug Policy:*

*Drugs policy in the UK*

*The 'Tackling Drugs to Build a Better Britain' initiative*

*Treatment by coercion: the way forward?*

*Legalisation, decriminalisation and reclassification*

*Comparative drugs policies*

*Drugs in Practice:*

*Responses to (mis)use*

*Drugs and prisons: people can be kept on the inside, but can drugs be kept on the outside?*

*Policing drugs: can the war be won?*

*The probation service and drugs: rehabilitation continues?*

*Media, Drugs and Alcohol:*

*Media and drugs I: a continual panic?*

*Media and drugs II: a culture of cool?*

*Ecstasy and club culture: 'rave on'*

## Learning Activities

12 lectures  
12 tutorials

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Bean, P.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2002
<b>Title</b>	Drugs and Crime.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Cullompton: Willan.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Gossop, M.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2000
<b>Title</b>	Living with Drugs
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	(5th ed.).
<b>Publisher</b>	Aldershot: Ashgate.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Inciardi, J.A.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1993
<b>Title</b>	Drug Treatment and Criminal Justice.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London: Sage.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Inciardi, J.A.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1999
<b>Title</b>	The Drug Legalisation Debate
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	(2nd ed.).
<b>Publisher</b>	London: Sage.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	MacKenzie, D.L., and Uchida, C.D.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1994

<b>Title</b>	Drugs and Crime
<b>Subtitle</b>	Evaluating Public Policy Initiatives.
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Thousand Oaks, CA.: Sage.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Parker, H., Aldridge, J., and Measham, F.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1999
<b>Title</b>	Illegal Leisure
<b>Subtitle</b>	The Normalisation of Adolescent Recreational Drug Use.
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London: Routledge.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Shewan, D., and Davies, J.B. (eds.)
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2000
<b>Title</b>	Drug Use in Prison.
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Amsterdam: Harwood.
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	South, N. (ed.)
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1999
<b>Title</b>	Drugs
<b>Subtitle</b>	Cultures, Controls and Everyday Life.
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London: Sage.
<b>ISBN</b>	

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## Notes

This module aims to help students to understand drug and alcohol problems by focusing upon the evolution of policy and the development of services in the UK. It intends to look at micro and macro levels of policy and practice, and to discuss the wider societal debates that are relevant to the drugs, alcohol and criminal justice sphere.