

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: KEY CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **7019LAWCJ** (107863)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7  
**Credit Value:** 30  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 40  
**Total Learning Hours:** 300  
**Private Study:** 260

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	20
Tutorial	20

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	80% - coursework: 3000 word assignment - title to be agreed between student and module leader	70	
Presentation	AS2	20% - assessed individual presentation	30	

### Aims

*To develop advanced knowledge and critical understanding of specific issues relating to the principles and practice of criminal justice in England and Wales.  
To develop advanced and critical awareness of social issues which have an impact on the operation of criminal justice in England and Wales.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Show advanced recognition of the roles of various individuals and agencies within the criminal justice process in England and Wales, and how they relate to the criminal justice process as a whole.
- 2 Critically evaluate issues or problems relating to a particular topic area within criminal justice in England and Wales, and apply relevant theory to practice at an advanced level.
- 3 Critically discuss at an advanced level the context within which social issues impact upon particular aspects of criminal justice in England and Wales, and upon the criminal justice process in England and Wales as a whole.
- 4 Display mastery of a complex and specialised area of knowledge and skill within the criminal justice process in England and Wales.
- 5 Critically evaluate current research and advanced scholarship in the selected area of study, using and critically analysing relevant material from journals and other sources.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

5000 word essay	1	2	3	5
Presentation	1	4		

## Outline Syllabus

*Introduction to the Course: What do you know about Criminal Justice*

*Models of Criminal Justice*

*Police Accountability and Public Trust in the Organisation*

*The Future of the Institution of the Prison*

*The Probation Service and Contemporary Criminal Justice*

*Voluntary Involvement in Criminal Justice Policy Delivery*

*Competing Approaches to Drug Treatment within the CJS*

*The UN and International Dimensions of Justice*

*Policing Serious Crime*

*Trying to locate an appropriate place for criminal justice policy within community/social cohesion agendas*

*Financial Service Authority and the regulation of insider trading*

*Civilisation of Security*

*The Government Use and Control of Criminal Justice Research*

*Criminological Theory and Gender*

*Social and Community Justice*

*The Future(s) for Criminal Justice*

### **Learning Activities**

Students will be assigned a topic from the list below, for which they will have to prepare an assessed 20-minute presentation.

They will be allocated an individual supervisor, who will advise and guide them through the preparation and presentation period.

Following the teaching session, the student will be provided with formal written feedback, which they should take into account in completing the final part of the assessment, which is written report of their findings.

### **Notes**

This module aims to provide students with the opportunity to critically analyse key issues in contemporary criminal justice at an advanced level. Students will have the opportunity to undertake independent study of specific issues within criminal justice, reflect upon feedback from presentation of their findings, and build that feedback into their written assessment.