

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: THE MANAGEMENT OF OFFENDERS: PRISONS,
PROBATION AND THE STATE
Status: Definitive
Code: **7022LAWCJ** (107866)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011
Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 15.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 20.00
Total Learning Hours: 150 **Private Study:** 130

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

| Component | Contact Hours |
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| Lecture | 10.000 |
| Tutorial | 10.000 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Essay | AS1 | Coursework 4,000 word essay | 100.0 | |

Aims

To critically evaluate, at an advanced level, the role and function of the prison and probation services in relation to the delivery of state punishment and rehabilitation.

To critically reflect upon the values and principles that underpin the delivery of contemporary penal policy through the creation of the National Offender Management Service (NOMS).

To critically scrutinise the extent to which contemporary penal policy and practice actually delivers a more systematic approach to the management of offenders.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Show an advanced understanding of the history and role within the criminal justice system of the National Offender Management Service
- 2 Use relevant theoretical concepts to develop a critical awareness of how different penal theories impact upon penal policy and practice
- 3 Demonstrate an advanced understanding of key theoretical approaches to the study of penology that attempt to explain the rise in social control via state punishment
- 4 Demonstrate an advanced understanding of the range of community penalties available in England and Wales and critically reflect upon the theoretical frameworks and discourses that underpin them
- 5 Demonstrate a critical appreciation of the significance of the prison and probation services in the management of offenders

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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| Essay (4000 words) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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Outline Syllabus

- *Theorizing prisons and probation*
- *The politics of prisons and probation*
- *Shaping penal policy – The influence of the media and public opinion on prisons and probation*
- *The usual suspects? – Trends in the use of imprisonment and probation*
- *'Two tribes?' – Organisational cultures in prison and probation*
- *The new dynamics of risk and dangerousness - Protecting the public or warehousing the undesirables?*
- *Addressing offending behaviour - Accredited programmes, 'what works?' and the holy grail of effectiveness*
- *Resettlement – Rhetoric and reality*
- *Creating a market in offender services – NOMS, contestability and privatisation*
- *Desistance theory - A new paradigm for supervision?*
- *Did things only get better? Contemporary trends and future directions in the management of offenders*

Learning Activities

Teaching sessions (containing lecture and interactive seminar elements) - oral interaction and note-taking

Self-directed study based on critical reflection of course materials provided, as well as wider reading, as preparation for participation in teaching sessions

Preparation for the written module assessment using the two activities described above

References

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Cavadino, M. and Dignan, J. |
| Publishing Year | 2002 |
| Title | The Penal System: An Introduction |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 3rd |
| Publisher | London: Sage |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Cavadino, M. and Dignan, J. |
| Publishing Year | 2006 |
| Title | Penal Systems: A Comparative Approach |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | London: Sage |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Garland, D. |
| Publishing Year | 2001 |
| Title | The Culture of Control |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Oxford: Oxford University Press |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Gelsthorpe, L. and Morgan, R. |
| Publishing Year | 2007 |
| Title | Handbook of Probation |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Cullompton: Willan |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Jewkes, J. |
| Publishing Year | 2007 |
| Title | Handbook of Prisons |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Cullompton: Willan |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Bottoms, A., Rex, S. and Gobinson, G. (eds.) |
| Publishing Year | 2004 |
| Title | Alterantives to prison: options for an insecure society |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Cullompton: Willan |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Mair, G. (ed.) |
| Publishing Year | 2004 |
| Title | What Matters in Probation |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Cullompton: Willan |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Canton, R. and Hancock, D. (eds.) |
| Publishing Year | 2007 |
| Title | Dictionary of Probation and Offender Management |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Cullompton: Willan |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Worrall, A. and Hoy, C. |
| Publishing Year | 2005 |
| Title | Punishment in the Community: managing offenders, making choices |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 2nd |
| Publisher | |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Hucklesby, A. and Hagley-Dickinson, L. (eds.) |
| Publishing Year | 2007 |
| Title | Prisoner Resettlement: Policy and Practice |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Cullompton: Willan |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Bennett, J., Crewe, B. and Wahidin, A. (eds.) |
| Publishing Year | 2008 |
| Title | Understanding Prison Staff |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Cullompton: Willan |
| ISBN | |

Notes

Contemporary penal policy has sought to affect a greater integration between the prison and probation services principally through the creation of the National Offender Management Service (NOMS). This module critically evaluates at an advanced level the role and function of these two organisations in relation to the delivery of state punishment and rehabilitation. Key themes in contemporary policy and practice are identified in order to establish whether in reality they represent a more systematic approach to the management of offenders or a further extension of social control thereby further blurring the traditional functions of both organisations