# **Liverpool** John Moores University

Title: POLICING, RACE AND ETHNICITY

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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ7 Value: 15.00 Delivered 20.00

**Hours:** 

Total Private

Learning 150 Study: 130

**Hours:** 

**Delivery Options** 

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10.000
Tutorial	10.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

#### **Assessment Details**

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Coursework: 4000 word assignment	100.0	

### **Aims**

Policing, Race and Ethnicity seeks to critically explore the complex and dynamic relationship between the police and members of racially and ethnically defined 'minority' populations. The module will analyse competing policing and race discourses and understand them within the wider context of social relations and against the backdrops of broader, competing political landscapes. Contributions from political theory will help engender a greater understanding of the role of the police, as an organisation, in shaping notions of belonging, citizenship and identity. In particular there will be consideration given to understanding changing

representations of race, ethnicity and racism within wider socio-economic, political and cultural transformations and to the appreciation of the emergent politics of difference that cite 'new ethnicities' and 'cultural hybridities' as alternative frameworks for analysis.

# **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- grasp key concepts and ideas of 'policing and race' discourses and appreciate their relevance and contributions to the study of policing ethnically diverse, culturally diverse and plural polities.
- critically understand and evaluate the forces and dynamics at play in shaping policing policy and practice and to evaluate the way policing and the role of the organisation has altered working practice to accommodate and address the challenges of serving increasingly diverse and plural populations.
- draw upon elements of political theory to more meaningfully understand the role of the police in shaping notions of belonging, citizenship and identity and understand the role of policing in alleviating or compounding social disadvantage and marginalisation.
- engage with and critically analyse the contributions of political science and sociology in enhancing the understanding of changing representations of race, ethnicity and racism, and in providing alternative frameworks for analysis.
- place the interplay between the police and black and minority ethnic populations within the complex, broader societal context that so significantly shapes the dynamics of the relationship between the two.

### **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

4000 word essay 1 2 3 4 5

### **Outline Syllabus**

Policing, Race and Ethnicity - Historical Context

The Police as National Guardians and the Definers of 'Race'

- Policing, Immigration and the (International) Politics of Race
- Policing, Immigration and the (British) Politics of Race

The Police as Compounders of Social Inequality

- Urban Disorder, stop & search and the urban ghetto

The Police, the Law and Citizenship

- Shaping policing policy in response to International dissent
- Scarman and the re-orientation of policing principles

Policing, Race and Ethnicity - Policing, Politics and Practice

The Police, Belonging and Justice

- Understanding discrimination and prejudice in differing International political cultures
- Theories of police racism and the exploration of Institutional Racism

Where the police can and must be positioned in multicultural contexts

- Approaching a model of policing multicultural contexts
- Lessons from around the globe: Policing Multiculturalism and emergent cultures of muliple identity

Responding to the Challenge, Strategies for Change

- The politicisation of policing and race
- Case Study: A British response Macpherson and Policing Diversity

Understanding Policing within agendas of social inclusion, community cohesion and meaningful understandings of citizenship

- The changing social context of policing and 'race' understandings
- New Global meanings of policing and race

Policing, Race and Ethnicity - Looking forward to understand new challenges

The police as to be defined against

- The Politics of Difference, 'New Ethnicities' and cultural hybrids...emergent forms of culture and identity
- The global evolution of youth cultures and understanding the role of policing within them

Lessons from the Research

- A comparative sense of progress in the instituting of equitable policing
- Answering the challenges of 'policing diversity'?

# **Learning Activities**

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

Self-directed study based upon critical reflection on 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

Course Material	Book
Author	Baumann, G.

Publishing Year	1996
Title	Contesting Culture :Discourse of identity in multi-ethnic
	London
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Back, L.
Publishing Year	1996
Title	New Ethnicities and Urban Culture :Racisms and
	Multiculture in Young Lives
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Routledge
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Bowling, B. and Phillips, C.
Publishing Year	2002
Title	Racism, Crime and Justice
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Harlow: Pearson Education
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Christiansen, F. and Hedefoft, U. (eds.)
Publishing Year	2004
Title	The Politics of Multiple Belonging :Ethnicity and
	Nationalism in Europe and East Asia
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Aldershot: Ashgate
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Fryer, P.
Publishing Year	1984
Title	Staying Power :The History of Black People in Britain
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Pluto Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book

Author	Gilroy, P.
Publishing Year	1987
Title	There Ain't No Black in the Union Jack : The Cultural
	Politics of Race and Nation
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Routledge
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Gilroy, P.
Publishing Year	1993
Title	The Black Atlantic :Modernity and Double Consciousness
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Verso Books
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Gilroy, P.
Publishing Year	2002
Title	Against Race :Imagining Political Culture Beyond the Color Line
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Harvard University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Keith, M.
Publishing Year	1993
Title	Race, Riots and Policing :Lore and Disorder in a Multi-
	racist Society
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: UCL Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Layton-Henry, Z.
Publishing Year	1984
Title	The Politics of Race in Britain
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: George Allen & Unwin
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Kymlicka, W.
Publishing Year	1996
Title	Multicultural Citizenship :A Liberal Theory of Minority
	Rights
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford: Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Murji, K. and Solomos, J. (eds.)
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Racialization: Studies in Theory and Practice
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford: Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Solomos, J.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Race and Racism in Britain
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN	

# **Notes**

It is the job of this module to develop a deeper and more meaningful understanding of the complexities of the interface between one of the key criminal justice/state institutions and members of commonly defined and understood 'minority' communities.