

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice
Status: Definitive
Code: **7032LAWCJ** (119458)
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 24
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 176

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Tutorial	12

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Drugs ASS	Drugs 5000 word essay	100	

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:

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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

Dedicated assessment guidance built into the teaching programme

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.