

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Crime, Power and Victimisation
Status: Definitive
Code: **7033LAWCJ** (119460)
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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	Power ASS	5000 word Crime, Power and Victimisation Essay	100	

Aims

To consider various definitions of crime and the relationship between these and the various sources of power within society.

To discuss and critically analyse the crimes that can occur as a result of imbalances of power in society, on individual, corporate, national and international levels.

To critically analyse the responses to crimes of the powerful, both in the criminal

justice process and in wider society.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Analyse the social construction of crime, and the various definitions of crime put forward by writers on crime and criminal justice
- 2 Demonstrate critically why some crimes are regulated rather than prosecuted
- 3 Critically assess the various sources of power within society, and how they assist in the commission of detected and undetected crime
- 4 Show critical awareness of the different kinds of wrongdoing that can be considered as 'crimes of the powerful', including domestic, racial and sexual violence (individual power), corporate, business and white-collar crime (for example, transnational crime involving prostitution, drugs, money-laundering and people-trafficking), and state crime (crimes occurring when states violate domestic or international laws)
- 5 Demonstrate a critical awareness of how different 'crimes of the powerful' are responded to by criminal justice (nationally and internationally), and different academic viewpoints on what criminal justice's response to them should be

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

5000word Power Essay	1	2	3	4	5
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Outline Syllabus

Critical introduction to the examination of the links between crime and Power
- thinking critically about competing definitions of crime and power
- a historical overview of the links between crime and power
- issues and problems in measuring and researching crimes of the powerful

Analysing major forms of crimes of the powerful
- corporate and occupational crime
- organised crime
- racial, sexual, and domestic violence

Analysing major forms of increasingly international crimes of the powerful
- terrorism and the 'war on terror'
- War Crimes
- Crimes against Humanity

Learning Activities

12 lectures: listening, note-taking, critical reflection

12 tutorials: reading, discussion and presentation of material

Private study: reading, researching information sources

Assessment: researching, planning and writing the essay

Dedicated assessment guidance built into the teaching programme

Notes

This module is designed to examine the social construction of crime. It aims to provide a balance between theoretical perspectives and empirical, practical knowledge about the power imbalances in society. It aims to examine critically the relationship between these imbalances and crime (reported and unreported), as well as the criminal justice system's responses to them.

The module therefore aims to equip students with the skills required to demonstrate a critical understanding of crimes involving the abuse of social and/or individual power. Discussion will centre on the different strata of causation and response in this area – at the individual, national and international levels – and a critical understanding of theoretical and empirical debates relating to these issues.