

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice
Status: Definitive
Code: **7044LAWCJ** (123771)
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 22
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 178

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Tutorial	11

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Ass	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. This will be achieved by the module being broken down into three distinctive teaching blocks. Block 1 aims to set a critical socio-cultural scene in order for students to build up a comprehensive picture of drug and alcohol use within contemporary capitalist society. Block 2 aims to develop students understanding of drug policy and critically consider the rationale and motivations that mould policy developments within this sphere. Block 3 aims to develop students knowledge of

how drug and alcohol users are responded to within a criminal justice context. This involves a detailed consideration of a number of interventions and treatment programmes that are currently utilised.

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:

5000 word essay	1	2	3	4
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Outline Syllabus

Block 1: Setting a critical socio-cultural scene

*Use, Abuse, Harm and Hedonism.
The Creation of Caricatures.
Normalised and/or Normative?
Drugs and Crime: A critical analysis
Alcohol, Crime and Culture*

Block 2: Policy

*Drug and Alcohol Policy: Past and Present
Alternatives for the Future*

Block 3: Interventions

*Interventions with young drug users.
Court sanctioned community based drug interventions.
Custody based drug interventions.
Therapeutic Communities as a model of treatment.
Alternative methods of working with active substance users in the community.*

Learning Activities

12 lectures

12 tutorials

Dedicated assessment guidance built into the teaching programme

Notes

This module aims to develop students' understanding of drug and alcohol use within contemporary society. It initially provides an analysis of the socio-cultural role of drug and alcohol use before progressing towards an exploration of policy and practical responses to 'problematic' use and users within a criminal justice context. The module deconstructs the drug and alcohol status quo in order for students to acknowledge the complexities and contradictions that exist within this sphere. It allows students to explore the objectives of drug and alcohol policies and to consider these in relation to the past, present and future, receiving formative feedback as they progress through the interactive sessions. Finally, the module affords students an insight into the practical implications of drug interventions and the reality of rehabilitative methods of addressing problematic drug use.