

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7044LAWCJ
Formal Module Title	Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	11
Tutorial	11

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

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.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the nature and prevalence of drug and alcohol use and crime.
MLO2	2	Discuss critically drug and alcohol policies in relation to crime.
MLO3	3	Examine and critically evaluate drug related crime and disorder, and criminal justice responses to these problems.
MLO4	4	Critically analyse drug and alcohol-related prevention and control strategies.

Module Content

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.
Module Overview	<p>This module aims to develop your understanding of drug and alcohol use within contemporary society. It deconstructs the drug and alcohol status quo so you can acknowledge the complexities and contradictions that exist within this sphere. It aims to:</p> <p>provide a broad critical understanding of the different paradigms and perspectives on substance (mis)use and relevant policy in relation to crime and criminal justice</p> <p>set a critical socio-cultural scene for you to build up a comprehensive picture of drug and alcohol use within contemporary capitalist society</p> <p>develop your understanding of drug policy and critically consider the rationale and motivations that mould policy developments within this sphere</p> <p>develop your knowledge of how drug and alcohol users are responded to within a criminal justice context</p>
Additional Information	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.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	5000 word essay	100	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Helena Gosling	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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