

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Advanced Critical Criminology
Status: Definitive
Code: **7045LAWCJ** (123772)
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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 |
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| Lecture | 11 |
| Tutorial | 11 |

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Essay | CW | 5000 word 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 Critically 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'.
- 5 Demonstrate a critical awareness of national and international criminal justice responses to 'crimes of the powerful', and of normative academic evaluations of these responses

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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| 5000 word 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

Lectures

Tutorials

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. Formative feedback will be given to students in the course of the interactive discussions.