

Module Proforma

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Summary Information

Module Code	7052LAWCJ
Formal Module Title	Criminal Psychology
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	40
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Rachael Steele	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Robert Hesketh	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery	
Justice Studies	

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Seminar	10

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	28 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims

- Provide an overview of the theoretical, conceptual and applied models of criminal psychology and behaviour across a range of key offence behaviours.- Increase understanding and awareness regarding how these theoretical and conceptual modules can, and are, applied within investigations internationally across the range of key offence behaviours.- Increase understanding and awareness of the structure of professional reports and considerations of issues such as ethics in the dissemination of knowledge to the practitioner communities, such as law enforcement.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Understand and apply psychological theories of behaviour to a variety of criminal contexts
MLO2	Show an advanced understanding of the various psychological explanations and theories for criminal behaviour
MLO3	Specifically understand the psychology of violence, sexual aggression and co-offending as well as the range of individual and contextual factors that shape such behaviour
MLO4	Show advanced and critical awareness of the processes and methodological approaches used in applied criminal behaviour practice and how these can be used in practice by law enforcement and criminal justice professionals
MLO5	Show an advanced ability in disseminating knowledge and ethical considerations involved in the production of a criminal behaviour report for a professional audience

Module Content

Outline Syllabus

Theories of Crime:- Individual, personality factors and adverse experiences- Social factors- Sexual and Violent offending- Online exploitation and grooming- Child Criminal exploitation (gangs and drugs)Application of models to offending behaviour:- Sexual offending- Murder and violent offending- Online exploitation and groomingApplying theory to practice:- Structuring and producing applied reports- Offence linkage and profiling- Geographical profiling

Module Overview

Additional Information

This module is a core module that provides students with a comprehensive and critical guide to both the theory and practical applications that currently exist within practice using criminal behaviour models. It will use case examples, published journals, some that have been authored by the staffing team, to illustrate the application of these models and how they are applied by professionals. It will build through the outline syllabus how to apply these theories, which will be assessed via a criminal behaviour report. The students will be guided through examples of practice and example reports that use theories to underpin guidance to law enforcement professionals on the serious cases they encounter.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	3000 word essay	50	0	MLO1, MLO3, MLO2
Report	3000 word report	50	0	MLO4, MLO5