

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Criminal Psychology
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 40 **Total Delivered Hours:** 32
Total Learning Hours: 400 **Private Study:** 368

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Seminar	10

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	Essay on semester 1 topics	50	
Report	Report	Criminal behaviour report	50	

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:

- 1 Understand and apply psychological theories of behaviour to a variety of criminal contexts
- 2 Show an advanced understanding of the various psychological explanations and theories for criminal behaviour
- 3 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
- 4 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
- 5 Show an advanced ability in disseminating knowledge and ethical considerations involved in the production of a criminal behaviour report for a professional audience

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

3000 word essay	1	2	3
3000 word report	4	5	

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 grooming*

Applying theory to practice:

- *Structuring and producing applied reports*
- *Offence linkage and profiling*
- *Geographical profiling*

Learning Activities

Lectures
Seminars

Notes

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.