

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Key Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice  
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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:** 32

**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 168

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Seminar	10

**Grading Basis:** 50 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS1	15 minute individual presentation either live online or in person, with a 10 minute reflection/Q&A panel at end	60	
Portfolio	AS2	Reflective portfolio 1500 words-student must reflect on the aspect of CJ they have explored, how the process has affected their career goals, what they need to do with their own skills and experience to achieve any goals set, and how the topic has changed their understanding of the CJ system	40	

## **Aims**

*To develop advanced knowledge and critical understanding of specific issues relating to the principles and practice of criminal justice in England and Wales.  
To develop advanced and critical awareness of social issues which have an impact on the operation of criminal justice in England and Wales.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Show advanced and theoretically-informed recognition of the roles of various individuals and agencies within the criminal justice process in England and Wales, and how they relate to the criminal justice process as a whole.
- 2 Critically evaluate issues or problems relating to contemporary criminal justice in England and Wales by applying relevant criminological and sociological theory to practice at an advanced level.
- 3 Display mastery of a complex and specialised area of knowledge and skill within the criminal justice process in England and Wales, in the form of an evaluative proposal for reform of part of that process
- 4 Develop employability skills through obtaining advanced knowledge of criminal justice careers, and applying advanced and theoretically-informed knowledge of criminal justice theory and practice to real-life criminal justice issues

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Individual presentation	1	2	3
Reflective portfolio	4		

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Introduction to the Course: Building a Theoretical Toolkit and Exploring Models of Criminal Justice*  
*Criminal justice at a 'price'*  
*Crime and globalisation: beyond our criminal justice system*  
*Contemporary issues in policing*  
*Contemporary issues in court policy and practice*  
*Contemporary issues in probation, community justice and rehabilitation*  
*Contemporary issues in prisons*  
*Contemporary issues in youth justice*  
*The public, crime and justice*  
*'Dragon's Den' assessed presentations*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures

Tutorials

## **Notes**

This module aims to provide students with the opportunity to critically analyse key issues in contemporary criminal justice at an advanced level. Students will have the opportunity to undertake independent study of specific issues within criminal justice, reflect upon feedback from presentation of their findings, and build that formative feedback into their written assessment.