

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7102PSYFIP
Formal Module Title	Forensic and Investigative Psychology in Civil and Criminal Cases
Owning School	Psychology
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Psychology

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	8
Online	6
Seminar	16

Module Offering(s)

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

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This module aims to provide students with the conceptual understanding of what a Forensic Psychologist can do to assist in criminal investigations and legal cases, and how research informs such practices. Students will develop a comprehensive understanding of how forensic psychologists can work within the Legal System.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Evaluate the theoretical and practical issues relating to the role of Psychology in criminal investigations.
MLO2	2	Identify the ethical issues and practical limitations of expert testimony and forensic assessments in legal cases.
MLO3	3	Critically analyse psychological theory and research and understand how this links with the investigative techniques used in criminal investigations.
MLO4	4	Communicate ideas clearly and concisely to target audiences such as police detectives and legal professionals (e.g., attorneys and judges).
MLO5	5	Appropriately utilise assessment tools with different subjects (e.g., offenders, victims, witnesses, suspects, children) and link these results with psychological theories and research.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	The module will involve a set of lectures covering key concepts concerning how Forensic Psychologists work within the Legal System. The following are indicative topics: Expert testimony Conducting forensic psychological assessments Victims in civil and criminal cases Offenders in civil and criminal cases Children in civil and criminal cases
Module Overview	
Additional Information	Students will be supported to build skills in team working and collaboration. Students will also be assisted to improve their professional written and spoken communication. In addition, the module aims to promote critical awareness of the social and cognitive processes underlying witness testimony, investigative interviewing, lie detection, confessions, and identification parades. Students will develop a critical understanding of the reliability of these pieces of evidence and how the psychological processes associated with different types of biases can help to prevent judicial error. Finally, this module addresses how psychological assessment can be a valuable tool when working in these contexts.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Report	Case Study Report	70	0	MLO1, MLO3, MLO4
Portfolio	Presentation [Individual]	30	0	MLO2, MLO4, MLO5

Module Contacts

