

Summary Information

Module Code	7105CSP
Formal Module Title	Critical Criminology and the State: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	30
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Module Contacts**Module Leader**

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Dermot Barr	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
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Lecture	10
Workshop	30

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. To develop a critical understanding of the historical and contemporary relationship between the state, social divisions and the maintenance of social order;2. To consider recent developments around critical theories of the state;3. To understand the interrelationship between the exercise of state power, policy and practice;4. To critically assess the contradictions within, and contestation around, the exercise of state power.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the historical and contemporary relationship between the state, social divisions and the maintenance of social order;
MLO2	Critically evaluate developments around critical theories of the state;
MLO3	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the interrelationship between the exercise of state power, policy and practice;
MLO4	Critically assess the contradictions within, and contestation around, the exercise of state power.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus
Indicative content to be studied includes:• The state in its historical context;• Liberal and Marxist accounts of state power;• The relationship between state institutions and the maintenance of social order;• Security and the exercise of state power;• Contesting and resisting state policies and practices.

Module Overview

Additional Information

This module is concerned with the issue of the state and the exercise of state power. It will focus on the complex relationship between state institutions, their role in the maintenance of the social order of capitalism, historically and contemporaneously and their place in the reproduction and legitimation of the major social divisions within capitalist societies: social class, gender, race, age, sexuality and ability/disability. The module will introduce students to key thinkers and perspectives and will critically analyse how these thinkers have built on, and developed, the original insights of Marx and Engels around the state. Finally, the module will analyse how state power has been resisted and contested while also focussing on the ideological and material strategies through which the state attempts to absorb and co-opt radical social movements in the struggle to secure and maintain the social order of capitalism

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay	100	0	MLO4, MLO1, MLO2, MLO3