Contemporary Issues in Crime, Safety and Security

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7131PS
Formal Module Title	Contemporary Issues in Crime, Safety and Security
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	48

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
APR-MTP	MTP	April	12 Weeks
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks
SEP_NS-MTP	MTP	September (Non-standard start date)	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	The module aims to introduce students to emerging paradigms within criminology, which tackle safety and security at both local and global levels, and to explore some justifications for the increasing 'securitisation' of social life. Students will explore a variety of social settings where concepts of safety or security are applied. By a process of critical reflection and analysis they will be encouraged to test the success and validity of security provision within these settings and to consider the effects of securitisation processes upon contemporary threats and other regulatory environments.Key theories and policies related to crime, safety and security will be examined and tested and their, ethical and legal implications outlined. Lectures will be supplemented by the provision of guest speakers with experience in security and safety provision in a variety of sectors.Students will develop their understanding of contemporary trends in security and emerging security threats, and how to counter them, through relevant scholarly activity, and through reference to the appropriate academic literature and policy documentation.The module also aims to prepare students for the dissertation.

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Critically evaluate the dominant criminological theoretical and conceptual frameworks and their application to emerging issues in crime, safety and security.
MLO2	2	Critically Assess changes in the structure and functioning of security and safety as an aspect of the criminal justice system.
MLO3	3	Critically use reflection and analysis to understand and develop their own area of expertise within the fields of crime, safety and security.
MLO4	4	Utilise relevant research findings in the critical analysis of key current and emerging security issues.
MLO5	5	Critically evaluate the most effective responses to key emerging issues in crime, safety and security.
MLO6	6	Organise and critically review literature in preparation for research.
MLO7	7	Critically differentiate between quantitative and qualitative research methods showing the strengths and weaknesses of each whether used individually or in combination

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	1. Introduction to key criminological theories in security 2. Key issues (1) Organised crime3. Key issues (2) New terrorism 4. Key Issues (3) Cyber crime5. Key issues (4) Illegal Migration/trafficking 6. Key issues (5) Illegal drugs 7. Key issues (6) Inequality 8. Responding to crime safety and security threats9. Conclusions: Safety, Security and the new Criminology10. Ethical issues in research11. Producing a Literature Review12. Designing and conducting research13. Analysing research data
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Additional Information	In the course of this module students will develop their understanding of contemporary trends in security and emerging security threats, and how to counter them, through relevant scholarly activity, and through reference to the appropriate academic literature and policy documentation.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	2500 word essay	50	0	MLO2, MLO1

| Report | 2500 word report | 50 | 0 | MLO5, MLO4, MLO7, MLO6, MLO3 |

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings