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Title: Contemporary Issues in Crime, Safety and Security  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7      **Credit Value:** 20      **Total Delivered Hours:** 48  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 152

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Year Long & NS Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Online	48

**Grading Basis:** 50 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2500 word essay	50	
Report	AS2	2500 word report	50	

### 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.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

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

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

2500 word essay	1	2				
2500 word report	3	4	5	6	7	

## **Outline Syllabus**

- 1. Introduction to key criminological theories in security*
- 2. Key issues (1) Organised crime*
- 3. Key issues (2) New terrorism*
- 4. Key Issues (3) Cyber crime*
- 5. Key issues (4) Illegal Migration/trafficking*

6. *Key issues (5) Illegal drugs*
7. *Key issues (6) Inequality*
8. *Responding to crime safety and security threats*
9. *Conclusions: Safety, Security and the new Criminology*
10. *Ethical issues in research*
11. *Producing a Literature Review*
12. *Designing and conducting research*
13. *Analysing research data*

## **Learning Activities**

Online lectures and the provision of an asynchronous online message board.

## **Notes**

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.