

Homicide Investigations: Key Themes, Theories and Types

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7229PS
Formal Module Title	Homicide Investigations: Key Themes, Theories and Types
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	30
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	45

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

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	The concept of homicide is wide and varied and this module aims to explore the different themes, theories and types of homicide investigation. The module will consider homicide classification and the challenges associated with causation. Further, it will explore psychological factors which drive homicide and the risks investigators face with the aim of improving investigative practice and mitigating the risk of case failure. The module will develop professional knowledge on predatory, affective and instrumental homicides and explore theoretical models associated with mental disorders and homicide. The module aims to encourage inquiry into cultural difference and evaluate how this impacts on the management of homicide investigations.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Critically evaluate risks and challenges associated with the differing homicide themes, theories and types.
MLO2	2	Reflect upon, analyse and evaluate cultural differences, which impact on the management of homicide investigations.
MLO3	3	Critically analyse the issues surrounding homicide investigations, which are driven by mental disorders.
MLO4	4	Critically evaluate how theory links to practice and synthesise understanding to minimise the potential for case failure.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Homicide classification Introduction to theories about causation Introduction to typologies Intimate partner homicide Staging homicide Honour killings – prevalence, theories, cultural differences and challenges to investigation Sexual homicide including child abduction homicide; sex worker homicide. Hospital or ‘Care Setting’ related homicide OCG related homicide Murder typologies – Affective versus Instrumental Arson related homicides Mass homicide Mental disorders and homicide Sudden and Unexplained death, bereavement, cultural implications and dealing with next of kin and families; the use of family liaison Stranger homicide
Module Overview	
Additional Information	There are no professional body requirements at this stage, however developments associated with the College of Policing and other relevant government departments will be monitored and where appropriate, incorporated into module content.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	2500 word essay	60	0	MLO1, MLO4
Reflection	2000 Reflective Essay	30	0	MLO1, MLO2
Presentation	10 minute oral presentation	10	0	MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Richard Carr	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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