

### Summary Information

Module Code	7504PSYSCI
Formal Module Title	Forensic Psychology
Owning School	Psychology
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

### Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

### Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Unicaf

### Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	36

### Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
APR-PAR	PAR	April	12 Weeks
JAN-PAR	PAR	January	12 Weeks
SEP-PAR	PAR	September	12 Weeks

## Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This module aims to allow students to critically evaluate and apply psychological theories and knowledge in relation to real-world forensic problems, i.e. issues relating to law and the legal system. This module takes an individual differences approach to explanations of criminal behaviour. Students will consider factors such as personality, gender, mental health, mood, motivation and developmental issues and their relation to criminal behaviour.
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**After completing the module the student should be able to:**

### Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Critically analyse a range of current real-world forensic psychology issues
MLO2	2	Develop and critically evaluate a number of potential solutions to current issues
MLO3	3	Critically apply psychological, criminal justice, policing and criminological knowledge and theories to real-world forensic psychology problems
MLO4	4	Critically review interventions in forensic psychology

## Module Content

Outline Syllabus	The module covers key skills and knowledge for forensic psychology and problem-based learning in which you can apply your forensic psychology knowledge, e.g. assessment and management of offenders. Problems will include a selection from the following: intimate partner abuse, suicide and self-harm, gang-related crime, terrorism, the effects of childhood experiences on crime related behaviours, the effects of developmental disorders on individuals through the criminal justice system, arson, victims of crime psychopathy plus other topics as relevant to contemporary societies.
Module Overview	
Additional Information	When you hear about forensic psychology, what comes to mind? Do you envision mysterious sleuths who solve crimes? Do you think of a criminal profiler who gets inside the mind of a killer in order to predict his next move? While there are probably a few forensic psychologists who fit these stereotypes, these highly-glamorized ideas are not the norm. So what exactly is forensic psychology and what do forensic psychologists do? Forensic psychology is the application of the science and profession of psychology to questions and issues relating to law and the legal system. It is a specialist branch that deals with issues that connect psychology and law, including family law. Interest in forensic psychology has grown significantly in recent years. It takes an individual differences approach to explanations of criminal behaviour looking at issues such as personality, gender, mental health, mood, motivation and developmental issues. In its current form, the forensic psychology module explicitly develops high level graduate skills, employability and psychological literacy. Psychologically literate students are critical scientific thinkers and ethical and socially responsible participants in their communities. In researching real-world problems faced by society, students on this module can claim to be psychologically literate with skills valued by employers generally and not just in the forensic field.

## Assessments

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

## Module Contacts

### Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Helen Poole	Yes	N/A

### Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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