

Module Title: Contemporary Crime and Justice	Level: 7	Credit Value: 20
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Module code SOC714	Cost Centre: GACJ	JACS2 Code: L900
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Semester in which to be offered: 2	With effect from: September 2012
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New/Existing Module	New module	Title of module being replaced (if any):
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Originating Subject: Institute of Health, Medical Science and Society: Social and Community	Module Leader: Dr Sarah Dubberley
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Module duration (contact hours/directed/directed private study): 200 hours contact hours - 32 (8 x 4 hours online) directed study - 48 private study - 120	Status: core/option/elective Option (identify programme where appropriate):
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Percentage taught by Subjects other than originating Subject (please name other Subjects):	0%

Programme(s) in which to be offered:	Pre-requisites per programme (between levels):	Co-requisites per programme (within a level):
MA Criminology and Criminal Justice	None	None

<p>Module Aims:</p> <p>This module will provide students with a critical understanding of the consistencies, contradictions and conflicts that are inherent within contemporary criminal justice practice with particular 'offending' groups e.g. sex offenders, and explore the experiences minority groups have of the Criminal Justice System.</p>
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<p><u>Expected Learning Outcomes</u></p> <p><u>Knowledge and Understanding</u></p> <p>On successful completion of the module students will be able to...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate a critical appreciation of the nature and context of contemporary crime 2. Synthesize and articulate the consistencies, contradictions and conflicts that are inherent within the Criminal Justice System. 3. Critically analyse recent trends that have shaped and influenced the UK Criminal Justice System and recent legislative changes. 4. Critically assess the way in which the Criminal Justice System has responded to social and cultural shifts in recent decade such as; the preoccupation with risk, social exclusion, zero tolerance, drug trafficking and cyber crime. 5. Articulate the contradictions, issues and differential treatment experienced by minority groups in the criminal justice system.

Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:

On successfully completing the module students will have developed...

Writing skills

Ability to self-reflect

Time management skills

Assessment: please indicate the type(s) of assessment (eg examination, oral, coursework, project) and the weighting of each (%). *Details of indicative assessment tasks must be included.*

Essay: students will demonstrate a critical appreciation of the nature and context of contemporary crime.

Assessment	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weight	Duration	Word count or equivalent if appropriate
1	1-5	essay	100%		4000

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

The module will use a variety of teaching and learning strategies, including lectures, seminars and discussion on Moodle.

Syllabus outline:

Violent and Sexual Offenders

Young Offenders

Women and Crime

Race and Crime

Mental Health and Crime

Drugs and Crime

White Collar and Corporate Crime

Organised Crime

Terrorism and cyber crime

The national and global context of crime

Social and cultural changes.

The demonization and normalisation of illicit drug use,

Social exclusion,

Zero tolerance

The role of the internet on crime.

Essential Reading:

Brookman, F. Maguire, M, Pierpoint, H. and Bennett, T. (eds) (2010) Handbook on Crime, Devon: Willan Publishing.

Maguire M et al (eds) (2007). Oxford Handbook of Criminology (4th Ed). Oxford University Press

Newburn T. (2007) Criminology. Devon, Willan Publishing

Newburn, T (2009) Key Readings in Criminology. Devon, Willian Publishing

Recommended Reading:

Bean, P., (2008) Drugs and Crime, (3rd ed). Devon, Willan Publishing.

Hall, N (2005) Hate Crime. Willan Publishing

Martin, G (2003) Understanding Terrorism. Sage Publications

Muncie, J (2009) Youth and Crime (3rd ed). London, Sage Publications

Ward T, Laws R, & Hudson S (2003) (eds) Sexual deviance: issues and controversies Sage Publications

Bowling, B & Phillips, C (2001) *Race, Crime and Criminal Justice* Longman

Carlen, P (2002) *Women and Punishment: The struggle for justice.* Devon, Willan Publishing.

Dignan, J (2005) *Understanding Victims and Restorative Justice.* Berkshire, Open University Press.

Ward T, Laws R, & Hudson S (2003) (eds) Sexual deviance: issues and controversies. London,

Sage Publications.

Wright, A (2006) *Organised Crime*. Devon, Willan Publishing.

Relevant Journals

British Journal of Criminology

Howard Journal

British Journal of Social Work

Punishment and Society

Criminal Justice Studies

European Journal of Criminology

Youth Justice

Probation Journal

British Journal of Criminal and Community Justice

Prison Journal

Criminology and Criminal Justice