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Module specification

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Module Code	POL509
Module Title	Roads Policing
Level	5
Credit value	20
Faculty	Social and Life Sciences
HECoS Code	100484
Cost Code	GACJ

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Is the module core or option for this programme
BSc (Hons) Professional Policing	Core

Pre-requisites

None

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	30 hrs
Placement tutor support	0 hrs
Supervised learning e.g. practical classes, workshops	0 hrs
Project supervision (level 6 projects and dissertation modules only)	0 hrs
Total active learning and teaching hours	**30** hrs
Placement / work-based learning	0 hrs
Guided independent study	170 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	200 hrs

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Initial approval date	15th August 2024
With effect from date	September 2024
Date and details of revision	
Version number	1

Module aims:

This module aims to cultivate an advanced comprehension of roads policing, encompassing theoretical frameworks, practical applications, and strategic insights to equip students with comprehensive knowledge and skills in ensuring road safety and law enforcement.

Module Learning Outcomes - at the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	Critically assess how effective roads policing, along with associated legislation and regulation, can reduce injuries and fatalities on the roads. NPC Mapping: • Roads Policing: Evaluate the impact of roads related policing activity: 1.1. • Roads Policing: Explain the core functions of roads policing: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3. • Roads Policing: Understand the procedures for the disposal of offences committed by drivers and other road users: 2.1. • Roads Policing: Evaluate the alignment of the NPCC roads policing strategy against local force strategies and initiatives: 1.1.
2	Critically evaluate the challenges in reducing offences, deaths, and injuries on the roads. NPC Mapping: • Roads Policing Critically evaluate how effective roads policing (and associated legislation/regulation) can reduce injuries and fatalities: 3.1 • Roads Policing Critically evaluate the challenges in reducing offences, deaths and injuries on the roads. 0.1
3	Analyse the contribution of roads policing to disrupting crimes enabled by the roads network. NPC mapping • Roads Policing Analyse the contribution of roads policing to disrupting crimes enabled by the roads network.
4	Explain appropriate investigative actions when responding to and attending incidents on the roads. NPC Mapping: • Conducting Investigations: Understand appropriate investigative actions when responding to and attending and incident.2.1, 2.1a

Assessment

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

Written Assessment Students will critically examine the core functions, strategies and effectiveness of roads policing in targeting and addressing road-based offending and reducing road related casualties.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	LO1 – LO4	Written Assignment	100%

Derogations

Module cannot be compensated/condoned on BSc (Hons) Professional Policing.

Learning and Teaching Strategies

The learning and teaching strategy used in the module is grounded in the University's commitment to Universal Design for Learning (UDL), the key principle of which holds that students are encouraged to participate in higher education when they are exposed to flexible ways of learning by staff that engage them in different ways using innovative and creative approaches. Accordingly, the module embraces the University's Active Learning Framework (ALF) which supports accessible, flexible learning that creates a sense of belonging for students. Each module is associated, thereby, with face to face and online elements.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

LO1: Critically assess how effective roads policing, along with associated legislation and regulation, can reduce injuries and fatalities on the roads.

- Priorities for roads policing at a national and local level and the ways forces and partnerships can contribute to achieving these

- Role of roads policing in tackling the 'fatal four' and other road traffic offences

LO2: Critically evaluate the challenges in reducing offences, deaths, and injuries on the roads.

- Modern transport
- International and transnational movements
- Social acceptance of road death and injury

LO3: Analyse the contribution of roads policing to disrupting crimes enabled by the roads network.

- Range of roads enabled crimes
- Impact of roads-related organised crime activity at a national, regional and local level (financial and non-financial)

How roads policing can contribute to disrupting crimes including:

- Links between road traffic offences and other forms of criminality
- Role of roads policing in respect of specific offences
- Use of pursuits, training and decision making to disrupt crimes.
- Risks and benefits associated with conducting a traffic stop
- Use of intelligence and other data insights in directing roads policing activity
- Strategies to disrupt and reduce criminal and terrorist activity.
- Agencies and organisations that contribute to disrupting roads related criminality

LO4: Explain appropriate investigative actions when responding to and attending incidents on the roads.

- Options available for disposal of driving and vehicle offences and when they are appropriate.
- How to take control of a scene as an investigator, including managing the safety of self and others
- Importance of keeping and maintaining accurate records, including disclosure considerations and tasking of others remove.

Indicative Bibliography:

Please note the essential reads and other indicative reading are subject to annual review and update.

Essential Reads

College of Policing (2018) '*Road Policing. Authorised Professional Practice'*. Available from: https://www.college.police.uk/app/roads-policing

Cox, A. (2024) *Blackstone's Police Q&A Road Policing 2024*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Cox, A. (2022) *Blackstone's Police Manual 2022.* Volume 3, Road Policing. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

NPCC (2022) 'National Roads Policing Strategy 2022 – 2025'. Available from: https://library.college.police.uk/docs/NPCC/Roads_Policing_Strategy_2022.25.pdf

Other indicative reading

Allen, S., Murphy, K. and Bates, L. (2017) 'What drives compliance? The effect of deterrence and shame emotions on young drivers' compliance with road laws', *Policing and Society,* 27(8), pp.884-898.

Scott, T. (ed.) (2020), Sudden Death: Intervention Skills for the Emergency Services. Cham: Springer, 2020.

Tudor-Owen, J. (2019), 'The Importance of 'Blue Shirts' in Traffic Policing', *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, vol. 15, No 1, pp.480-491.