

Module Title: Criminal Justice and Law	Level: Four	Credit Value: 20
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Module code: SOC460 (if known)	Cost Centre: GACJ	JACS2 Code: M110
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Semester in which to be offered: 1	With effect from: September 2012
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Existing/New: New Module Module	Title of module being replaced (if any): N/A
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Originating Academic area:	Institute of Health, Medical Science and Society: Social and Community	Module Leader: Caroline Hughes
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Module duration (total hours)	200 Hours	Status: core/option/elective Core (identify programme where appropriate):
Scheduled learning & teaching hours	36 hours (12 x 3 hour) face to face lectures	
Independent study hours	164	
Placement hours	0 hours	

Percentage taught by Subjects other than originating Subject (please name other Subjects):	0%
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Programme(s) in which to be offered: BA (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice	Pre-requisites per programme (between Levels): None
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<u>Module Aims:</u> This module will give the student an underpinning knowledge of Criminal Justice and Law. It will focus on key concepts such as the definition of crime and the philosophy of sentencing. The history and organisation of the main agencies within the Criminal Justice System will be explored. An appreciation
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of the context and nature of criminal law, the range of agencies which form the criminal justice system and the way in which criminal justice is formulated. Basic principles of law and legislation will be addressed.

Expected Learning Outcomes

At the end of this module, students will be able to:

Knowledge and Understanding:

On successful completion of this modules students will be able to

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the work of main criminal justice agencies and a basic evaluation of the criminal justice process.
2. Understand the debates about the definition of crime, moral panics and the fear of crime.
3. Understand sentencing philosophy, sentencing framework and key legislation
4. Appreciate the context and nature of criminal law.

Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:

On successful completion of this modules students will have developed the following transferrable skills

1. Assignment writing skills

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

Essay: Students will describe and assess the aims and key objectives of the Criminal Justice System
BB- students will provide responses to 5 set questions on BB (commenting also on observations made by peers)

Assessment	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting	Duration (if exam)	Word count or equivalent if appropriate
1	1-3	Essay	75%		1500
2	4	BB contributions	25%		1500

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

The module will use a variety of teaching and learning strategies, including online lectures, face to face seminars, and the Moodle Virtual Learning Environment which includes web sites, reports, synchronous and asynchronous discussion.

Syllabus outline:

Students will develop their knowledge and understanding by examining the following:

- What is Crime;
- Official reporting of crime statistics;
- Moral Panics and the Fear of Crime;
- Nature and functions of Criminal Law;
- Mapping of Criminal Justice Agencies
- Court procedures;
- Categories of Offences;
- Philosophy and Rationale of Sentencing;

Bibliography

Essential Reading:

- Ashworth, A. and Redmayne, M. (2005) The Criminal Process. 3rd edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Cavadino M & Dignan J (2005) Penal System: An Introduction, Third Edition, Sage

- Crowther C. (2007) An introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice. Palgrave Macmillan
- Joyce, P. (2009) Criminology and Criminal Justice: A study guide Willan Publishing
- Newburn T. (2007) Criminology. Willan Publishing
- Sanders, A., Young, R, and Burton, M. (2010) Criminal Justice (3th Ed), Oxford, Oxford University Press

Other Indicative Reading:

- Maguire, M, Morgan, R and Reiner, R (eds) (2007) Oxford Handbook of Criminology. (4th Edn) Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- McConville, M., and Wilson, C. (eds) (2002) The Handbook of the Criminal Justice System. Oxford: Clarendon Press
- McLaughlin E & Muncie J eds. (2002) Controlling Crime Open University
- McLaughlin E & Muncie J eds. (2002) The Problem of Crime Open University
- Smartt, U (2006) Criminal Justice. London, Sage Publications
- Treadwell, J (2006) Criminology. London, Sage Publications.

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