

Module Title: Crime in Contemporary Society	Level: Five	Credit Value: 20
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Module code: SOC560 (if known)	Cost Centre: GACJ	JACS2 Code: C880
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Semester in which to offered: Semester 2	With effect from: September 2012
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Existing/new Module	New Module	Title of module being replaced (if any):
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Originating Academic area:	Institute of Health, Medical Science and Society: Social and Community	Module Leader: Sarah Dubberley
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Module duration (total hours)	200 Hours	Status: core/option/elective Elective (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):	None
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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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<b>Module Aims:</b> To provide students with a critical knowledge and understanding of a range of contemporary crimes and criminal behaviours committed within the contemporary society.
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<b>Expected Learning Outcomes-</b> At the end of this module, students will be able to: <b>Knowledge and Understanding:</b> On successful completion of this modules students will be able to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the changing and diverse nature of particular crimes.</li> <li>2. Analyse and understand the effects of particular crimes</li> </ol>
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3. Understand the context and characteristics of particular types of criminals.
4. Analyse and understand the motivation for committing particular crimes
5. Analyse and Understand the way the Criminal Justice System responds to particular types of crime and criminals

Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:

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

1. Presentation skills
2. Writing Skills
3. Group Work
4. Negotiation 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.

Presentation: In groups, students will explore the history of a particular crime, and how and why that type of crime emerges as a criminal justice concern

Essay; Building on this, individually, students will explore how a particular form of crime and associated 'criminal' is understood in contemporary popular and penal discourse and how the criminal justice system reacts.

Assessment	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting	Duration (if exam)	Word count or equivalent if appropriate
1	1, 2	Presentation	50%		15 min Presentation
2	3 - 5	Essay	50%		2,000 words

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

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

Syllabus outline:

On this module students will be able to critically explore the diverse and changing nature of crime and consider particular types of criminal categories and the representation of crime and particular criminals. Investigations into particular criminals and their behaviour including:

- Sex offenders;
- ASBOs,
- Drug using offenders;
- Domestic violence;
- Youth crime;
- Mentally disordered offenders;
- Hate crime;
- Terrorism;
- Environmental crime;
- White collar crime
- Cybercrime.
- Knife Crime
- Gang Crime

## Bibliography

### 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Ed). Oxford University Press
- Newburn T. (2007) Criminology. Devon, Willan Publishing
- Newburn, T (2009) Key Readings in Criminology. Devon, Willian Publishing

### Other Indicative Reading:

- Bean, P., (2008) Drugs and Crime, (3<sup>rd</sup> ed). Devon, Willan Publishing.
- Hall, N (2005) Hate Crime. Willan Publishing
- Martin, G (2003) Understanding Terrorism. Sage Publications
- Muncie, J (2009) Youth and Crime (3<sup>rd</sup> ed). London, Sage Publications
- Situ, Y & Emmons, D (2000) Environmental Crime. Sage Publications
- Ward T, Laws R, & Hudson S (2003) (eds) Sexual deviance: issues and controversies 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