

Module Title: Theorising Crime	Level: 7	Credit Value: 20
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Module code: SOC708	Cost Centre: GACJ	JACS2 Code: L900
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Semester in which to be offered: Semester 1	With effect from: September 2012
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New/Existing Module	New Module	Title of module being replaced (if any):	N/A
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Originating Subject:	Institute of Health, Medical Science and Society: Social and Community	Module Leader: Caroline Gorden
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Module duration (contact hours/directed/directed private study):	200 hours contact hours 32 (8 x 4 hour online) directed study - 48 private study - 120	Status: core/option/elective (identify programme where appropriate):	Core
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Percentage taught by Subjects other than originating Subject (please name other Subjects):	0%
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Programme(s) in which to be offered: MA Criminology and Criminal Justice	Pre-requisites per programme (between levels): None	Co-requisites per programme (within a level): None
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<p><u>Module Aims:</u> The module aims to provide a critical analysis of key issues in the theoretical understandings of criminal behaviour and responses to it.</p>
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<p><u>Expected Learning Outcomes</u> <u>Knowledge and understanding</u> On successful completion of the modules students will be able to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Show a critical awareness and evaluate the relevance of different criminological theories and their application and to working with offenders in the criminal justice system. 2. Demonstrate a critical understanding of criminological and psychological theories of crime in the context of the wider social and political context. 3. Critically analyse the relationship between criminological theory and research and its relationship to criminal justice and social policy. 4. Critically examine the philosophical arguments that underpin and justify the use of incarceration in the 21st century and examine the use and role of prison in other countries. 5. Critically examine the social construction of crime and the criminal justice system. <p><u>Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:</u> On successfully completing the module students will have developed Investigative skills</p>
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IT skills
Writing 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 understanding of key criminological theories in the wider social and political context.

Assessment	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting	Duration (if exam)	Word count or equivalent if appropriate
1	1-5	Essay	100%		4000

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

A variety of methods will be employed including lead lectures, seminars, small group tutorials on line and face to face.

Syllabus outline:

Representations of crime in Cinema;
Structural issues in criminology: problems of determinism, problems of subjectivity;
Agency approaches and the attempt to solve the problem of determinism;
The left and criminology: radical, critical, realist?
The right and criminology: libertarian, realist, administrative?
Structuration theory, crime and criminology;
Gender issues in criminology: Why men and why not women?
Late Modernity or Postmodernity? Implications for crime and criminology;
Cultural Criminology;
Early Psychological Theories of Crime;
The contentious role of Investigative psychology;
Sex crime, psychology and the neglect of politics;
Towards theoretical synthesis?: Combining psychological and sociological theories of crime;
From gangs to nations: The criminology of mass murder;
The criminology of terrorism: The inability of criminology to study the globalization of crime.

Essential Reading

Garland, D. (1990) *Punishment in Modern Society*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
Garland, D. (2006) *The Culture of Control*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Kemshall, H (2003) *Understanding Risk in Criminal Justice*. Open University Press.
Lea, J. (2002) *Crime and Modernity*. Sage Publications.
Maguire, M .et al. (2007) The Oxford Handbook of Criminology. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Newburn, T. ed. (2009) *Key Readings in Criminology*. Devon: Willan Publishing.
Pratt, J. et al. eds. (2005) *The New Punitiveness*. Devon: Willan Publishing.
Vold, G. et al. (2002) *Theoretical Criminology*. 5th ed. New York: **Oxford University Press.**
Williams, K. (2008) *Textbook on Criminology*. 6th ed. Oxford: **Oxford University Press.**
Webber, C. (2010), *Psychology and Crime*. London: Sage.

Recommended Reading

Christie, N. (2001) *Crime Control as Industry*. New York: Routledge.
Foucault, M (1995) *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison*. New York: Random House.
Hale, C. et al. (2009) *Criminology*. 2nd ed. **Oxford University Press.**
Hudson, B. (1996) *Understanding Justice*. Buckingham: Open University.
Hudson, B. (2003) *Justice in the Risk Society: Challenging and Re-affirming 'justice' in Late Modernity*. London: Sage.
Jewkes, Y. and Letherby, G. (2002) *Criminology: A Reader*. London: Sage.
Jones, S. (2009) Criminology. 4th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
McLaughlin, E. and J. Muncie eds. (2006) *The Sage Dictionary of Criminology 2nd Edition*. London: Sage.

Muncie, J. et al. (2001) *Criminological Perspectives*. London: Sage.
Tierney, J. (2009), *Key Perspectives in Criminology*, Berkshire: Open University Press.
Walklate, S. (2003) *Understanding Criminology*. **Oxford University Press.**

Relevant Journals

The British Journal of Criminology
Theoretical Criminology: an international journal
British Journal of Criminal and Community Justice
Criminal Justice Studies
Criminology and Criminal Justice
The Howard League of Criminal Justice
Probation Journal