

**MODULE SPECIFICATION**

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Criminal Psychology		
Module Code	UZSNNC-30-2	Level	2
For implementation from	September 2018		
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15
Faculty	Health and Applied Sciences	Field	Sociology and Criminology
Department	Health & Social Sciences		
Contributes towards	BA (Hons) Criminology: BA (Hons) Criminology with Foundations BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology: with Foundations BA (Hons) Criminology and Law BA (Hons) Criminology with Law: LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology: BSc (Hons) Criminology with Psychology: BSc (Hons) Criminology with Psychology: with Foundations BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology: BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology with foundations		
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	USSKCH-15-3 Forensic Psychology		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>This module aims to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to criminal psychology and the role that psychology plays in the criminal justice system (CJS). This will be done by examining offender motivations and the range background characteristics that can influence offending behaviours, as well as societal responses to offenders in terms of punishment and treatment. Students will be able to apply this knowledge to real life situations by developing an offender profile of a known serial killer.</p> <p>Whilst the specific lecture programme may vary year to year to reflect current issues, legislative changes and research developments, the main topics that will be covered by the module would likely include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The social construction of violent and/or dangerous offenders • Psychological theories of crime (biological, developmental, psychodynamic and social) • Psychology and the CJS (including offender profiling, eyewitness testimony, police decision-making and interviewing, and psychology in the courtroom) • An examination of different types of offenders and forms of offending (including stalkers, serial killers, sexual offending and domestic violence and abuse) • An overview of issues of treatment, risk management, reoffending and rehabilitation.

Part 3: Assessment

This module includes both formative and summative forms of assessment. Students are provided with feedback on their first assessment (a case study) which can then be reflected upon and used to inform their second assessment (a viva). In both assessments, students must draw upon a wide range of issues covered throughout the module.

1. One 3,000 word case study profiling a selected serial killer (70%). (Learning outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
2. One 15 minute viva based upon their case study (30%). (Learning outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

The assessment strategy for this module was selected in order to contribute to the development of key L2 skills and module learning outcomes, and to contribute to the diversity of assessment methods on the programme as a whole. The module adheres to the UWE Academic Regulations and Assessment Cycle Policy, and assessment and feedback will form a critical aspect of the students learning process in line with UWE's Assessment Cycle Policy and will follow UWE's inclusivity guidance.

The module will address plagiarism by directing students to UWE study skills online resources which address plagiarism. A link to the Library website will be provided in both the module handbook and on the module's BB site, which will be available to all students on the module. Students will also be directed to use SafeAssign (UWE's online plagiarism software) before submitting their work, so that any potential issues can be identified and addressed before work is submitted. Finally, the module teaching team will also be able to use Safe Assign to check any plagiarism concerns they have with any student work.

Identify final timetabled piece of assessment (component and element)	Component A	
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	A:	B:
	30%	70%

First Sit

Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. Viva (15 minutes)	100%
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. 3000 word case study	100%

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)

Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. Viva (15 minutes)	100%
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. 3000 word case study	100%

Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods

Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate a sound awareness of the multi-disciplinary nature of criminal psychology (Components A and B).
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Key Journals

Aggression & Violent Behaviour
Annual Review of Psychology
Behavioral Sciences and the Law
Criminal Behaviour and Mental Health
Criminology
Homicide Studies
Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling

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