

CORPORATE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data						
Module Title	Transgression					
Module Code	UZSNNU-30-2		Level	2	Version	3
Owning Faculty	Health and Applied Sciences Field Sociology and Criminol				nology	
Contributes towards	All Sociology and Criminology Undergraduate Programmes					
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15	Module Type	Standard	i
Pre-requisites	None		Co- requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		Module Entry requirements	None		
Valid From	01/09/2014		Valid to	01/09/2020		

CAP Approval Date	28/03/2014	

Part 2: Learning and Teaching					
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will be able to demonstrate:				
	 Knowledge of a range of sociological, criminological and cultural theories of transgression (components A and B). An understanding of how transgression fits in the wider conceptual framework of sociology and criminology (components A and B). An understanding of the complex relationships between crime, transgression and pleasure (Components A and B) Knowledge of a range of extreme transgressive esoteric and social subcultures and how these are theorised (components A and B). An understanding of how transgressive cultural artefacts (for example, art, books, films) relate to cultural sociology and cultural criminology (components A and B). 				
	 6. An ability to reflect critically upon their learning on a selected topic (component A) 7. An ability to contribute effectively to an interactive online group blog (component B) 				
Syllabus Outline	As in the first two iterations of this module it is built around 4 major theoretical/topical				

	teaching blocks:							
	Block 1: The Seductions of Crime – exploring relationships between crime, culture, pleasure and sexuality							
	Block 2: Transgressive Subcultures – examining subcultures, subcultural theory and their relationship to transgression							
		Block 3: Spiritual Transgressions – New Religious Movements and their relationships to transgressive ritual and crime						
	Bloc	k 4: Transç	ressive Cult	ure - Cultural	expressions o	of transgress	ive practic	es
Contact Hours	the for	There will be 3 hours contact time per week: 2 hour weekly lectorial slots (combining the functions of a lecture and group and individual tutorials) complemented by weekly one hour seminars. Over and above this formal contact will be office/consultation hours which will be open to students for informal learning/study.						
Teaching and Learning Methods	Teaching will be by 2 hour lectorial slot where lectures will be supplemented by opportunities for interactive learning, one-on-one and group tutorials, plus a one hour seminar partly used to facilitate group-work/cohort identity. In addition independent learning will be expected and facilitated through seminars and lectorial sessions.							
Key Information Sets Information						00		
		Number of	credits for this	s module		30		
		Hours to be allocated	Scheduled learning and teaching study hours	Independent study hours	Placement study hours	Allocated Hours		_
		300	72	228	0	300		
	The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a - Written Exam: Unseen written exam, open book written exam, In-class test Coursework: Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project Practical Exam: Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam Please note that this is the total of various types of assessment and will not necessarily reflect the component and module weightings in the Assessment section of this module description: Total assessment of the module:							
	Written exam assessment percentage 0% Coursework assessment percentage 50% Practical exam assessment percentage 50% 100%							
Reading	Acce	ss and Skill	S					

Strategy

All students will be encouraged to make full use of the print and electronic resources available to them through membership of the University. These include a range of electronic journals and a wide variety of resources available through web sites and information gateways. The University Library's web pages provide access to subject relevant resources and services, and to the library catalogue. Many resources can be accessed remotely. Students will be presented with opportunities within the curriculum to develop their information retrieval and evaluation skills in order to identify such resources effectively. Additional support is available through the iSkillZone available via the Library web pages. This includes interactive tutorials on search skills and on the use of specific electronic library resources. Sign up workshops are also offered by the Library.

Essential Reading

Any essential reading will be indicated clearly in the module handbook, along with the method for accessing it: students will be referred to texts that are available electronically through Blackboard.

Further Reading

Further reading will include a mix of chapters from books held in the library, internet resources, electronic journals and government reports. As part of the course students will be required to undertake search engine exercises designed to allow them to obtain access to up to date material relevant to the course. The reading strategy will be reviewed annually to ensure all essential reading remains easily accessible and that the most up to date and relevant materials are available for students.

Blackboard

This module is supported by Blackboard where students will be able to find all necessary module information. Direct links to information sources will also be provided from within Blackboard

Indicative Reading List

The following list is offered to provide validation panels/accrediting bodies with an indication of the type and level of information students may be expected to consult. As such, its currency may wane during the life span of the module specification. However, as indicated above, CURRENT advice on readings will be available via Blackboard

Ferrell, J. et al (2008) Cultural Criminology: An Invitation. London: Sage.

Havis, A. (2008) *Cult Films: Taboo and Transgression*. New York: University Press of America.

Jenks, C. (2003) Transgression. London: Routledge.

Jervis, J. (1999) Transgressing The Modern. Oxford: Blackwell.

Presdee, M. (2000) *Cultural Criminology and the Carnival of Crime*. London: Routledge.

Wolfreys, J. (2008) Transgression: Identity, Space, Time. Basingstoke: Palgrave

Part 3: Assessment				
Assessment Strategy	These summative assessments are designed to feed into the Faculty's strategy around TEL and the subject group's desire to reinforce cohort identity and introduce practical research skills and innovations on visual and aural culture into teaching, learning and			

assessment.

Component A: Presentation using self-reflective video

The first 50% of the overall module mark will involve students presenting individual short (5 minute) talking head videos to the cohort under controlled conditions – stimulating jigsaw learning - on topics selected from the lecture sessions. The visual and digital turns in the social sciences make this a uniquely creative, important and relevant method of presenting the students' thoughts, reflections and knowledge; will test their practical video skills; and also acts to reinforce the Faculty's TEL strategy.

Component B: Group Blog:

The other 50% of the total mark is participation in an online blog on transgression. Students will be expected to participate and facilitate an online blogging community on contemporary transgressions and their own beliefs, reactions and thoughts about it. This will operate until the end of the second semester's teaching block. Students will be awarded an individual marks based on the quality, quantity and creativity underpinning their participation. The module leader will be attached to each blog as a method of facilitating discussion an as a way of formative assessment. Triggers embedded within the syllabus will mean that students will be able to reflect upon their own beliefs as they learn about relevant theories concerning transgressive activities creating a symbiosis of theory and practice. The blog will also help to build cohort identity; enhance IT, expressive writing and debating skills and brings the module in-line with the broader TEL agenda in the University.

Identify final assessment component and element		
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	A: 50	B: 50
First Sit		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element v	
Presentation using self-reflective video	100	0%
Component B Description of each element	Element v	

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)	
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
Individual 20 minute Viva reflecting upon a transgressive topic of the student's choice	100%
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. 3000 word reflective statement concerning learning on the module	100%

If a student is permitted an **EXCEPTIONAL RETAKE** of the module the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.