



Module Specification

Contemporary Issues in Policing

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Contemporary Issues in Policing

Module code: UZSY7E-15-2

Level: Level 5

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

College: College of Health, Science & Society

School: CHSS School of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Sociology and Criminology

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: This module engages with key areas of research, policy and practice in the study of the police and policing in England and Wales.

Outline syllabus: This module will introduce you to aspects of the history and legal framework of policing in England and Wales. This framework creates the basis for

students to examine a range of contemporary issues including gender, race and diversity in policing, and contemporary debates in policing such as police violence, Stop and Search, surveillance and legitimacy. Guest lecturers include serving police officers from operational and senior management positions

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module will be delivered through weekly lectures and seminars. In the seminars, student will be expected to have covered assigned material, and to participate in group activities to explore key concepts and issues.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Discuss and debate the role and function of the police as a criminal justice institution and their relationship with wider society (Component A)

MO2 Evidence a detailed knowledge and understanding of contemporary developments in policing strategies, tactics and powers (Component A)

MO3 Evaluate and discuss criminological debates relating to policing and police powers (Component A)

MO4 Demonstrate a sound awareness of contemporary police research and policy and apply it within a broad theoretical framework of understanding (Component A)

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

E-learning/online learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Assessment for this module will comprise of one task which will enable students to achieve the learning outcomes of the module.

A 2000-word structured case study coursework task will enable students to go into greater depth on a topic (choice from 3) from the module, whilst including broader theories and themes too. The case study will require students to engage with policy, data and research on the topic and develop and apply this knowledge to create a detailed analysis of it. This assessment task will cover all learning outcomes.

The assessment has been selected as it requires a range of academic skills. Additionally, the assessment fits well within the wider programme, adding to the variety offered.

Assessment tasks:

Case Study (First Sit)

Description: Case study - 2000 words

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Case Study (Resit)

Description: Case study - 2000 words

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Psychology with Criminology [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Law [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Law [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Law with Criminology [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2022-23

Sociology with Criminology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Psychology [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Sociology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Sociology with Criminology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Sociology with Criminology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology with Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Law with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Law with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology with Psychology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons)
2021-22

Criminology with Psychology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons)
2021-22

Criminology with Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-
22

Criminology with Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-
22

Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Psychology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons)
2021-22

Psychology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons)
2021-22

Sociology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-
22

Sociology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-
22

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-
22

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-
22

Criminology with Psychology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Psychology with Criminology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Psychology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] BSc (Hons)
2018-19

Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19

Criminology with Psychology {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] BSc (Hons)
2018-19