



Module Specification

Contemporary Perspectives in Criminology

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Contemporary Perspectives in Criminology

Module code: UZSY78-30-2

Level: Level 5

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept 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 builds upon student learning at level one (UZSNLD-30-1 Introduction to Criminological Theory). In doing so, it aims to introduce students to contemporary criminological theories, and to equip them to apply and evaluate

current theoretical developments in the discipline of criminology with reference to current crime issues and wider transgressions.

Outline syllabus: This is an indicative list of topics that will be covered, but will change from time to time depending on current social and political events:

Late modernity and crime
Migration/ Border criminology
Masculinity theories
Feminism
Cultural criminology
Public criminology
Psychosocial criminology
Criminology of War
Risk Society
Surveillance

These will be applied to contemporary issues such as:

Crimmigration
Terrorism
Graffiti
Extremism
Sexual Violence
State violence
Dangerous place and dangerous 'others'

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module will be delivered by one hour weekly lectures and seminars, alongside this students will be directed to one hour of online activity each week. Each of these sessions will enable students to develop both knowledge and skills as required by the learning outcomes set out below.

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

MO1 Understand and evaluate contemporary criminological theories in verbal and written formats

MO2 Apply contemporary criminological theories to crime situations and transgressions

MO3 Draw upon empirical evidence and synthesise competing criminological concepts and theories

MO4 Demonstrate the ability to work independently and present criminological theory and arguments both in oral and written to develop a greater understanding of contemporary criminological theory

MO5 Understand and evaluate the intersection between theory, research and praxis

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 234 hours

Face-to-face learning = 66 hours

Total = 300

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: The assessment strategy for this module is informed by the learning objectives outlined below and is inclusive of formative and summative forms of assessment. This comprises the following:

Assessment part A: An online conference style poster presentation accompanied by a 500 word commentary.

The Assessment part A will take the form of an online conference style poster presentation that is accompanied by a 500 word commentary. Students will be required to produce an online conference style poster presentation using relevant IT that is accompanied by a 500 word commentary. This addresses Learning Outcomes 1-5.

Assessment part B: A 2500 word report

The Assessment part B will require students to complete a 2,500 word report in which they will evaluate the success of contemporary criminological theories, covered in this module, in explaining a specific crime phenomenon or social transgression. Students will have the opportunity to select the crime phenomenon or social transgression subject to the approval of member(s) of the teaching team. This addresses Learning Outcomes 1-5.

To support students' study skills, students will be advised and guided on the relevant study skill sessions on referencing and bibliography, translating reading into writing, note-taking, academic writing and presentational skills, which are organised throughout the year by the Library. Also, through module based online and seminar activities students will be able learn to successfully search for, and incorporate academic literature into their work. SafeAssign will be available to students via blackboard. This will be used as a tool for students to check and amend their work and for academic staff to also check all submitted work for potential plagiarism.

Assessment tasks:

Report (First Sit)

Description: 2500 word report

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: 10 minute conference style poster presentation and commentary

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Report (Resit)

Description: 2500 word report

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Presentation (Resit)

Description: 10 minute conference style poster presentation and commentary

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Criminology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Law [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

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 with 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 [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

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

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (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 [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

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

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

Criminology with Psychology {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

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

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

Criminology and Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] 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