

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information							
Module Title	Gender, Sex and Social Control						
Module Code	UZSY7D-30-3		Level	Level 6			
For implementation from	2020-21						
UWE Credit Rating	30		ECTS Credit Rating	15			
Faculty	Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences		Field	Sociology and Criminology			
Department		HAS Dept of Health & Social Sciences					
Module type:	Stand	Standard					
Pre-requisites		None					
Excluded Combinations		None					
Co- requisites		None					
Module Entry requirements		None					

Part 2: Description

Overview: The module will illustrate how concepts of 'gender', 'sex' and 'sexuality' have been socially constructed and represented over time, and will untangle the way(s) in which these representations have mediated our understandings of crime, criminality and victimisation in contemporary society. Thus, the interplay of different gendered and sexualised norms, values and stereotypes shall be opened up to analysis in terms of their implications for the way in which we view the offending and victimisation of men and women, and how this is dealt with by a (gendered) criminal justice and political system.

Educational Aims: The aim of the module is to provide students with a historical and critical understanding of the gendered nature of social control, and the impact that this has had upon differently empowered identities.

Outline Syllabus: Beginning with a reflection upon traditional criminology and the way in which the female offender is demonised, medicalised and sexualised, the social control of women in Western society and in a cross-cultural context shall be explored. More specifically, discourse surrounding the (social, economic, intellectual and sexual) subordination of, and domination over, women shall be documented. Similarly, representations of 'men', 'masculinity(ies)' and what it is to be 'male', and how these are (both tacitly and explicitly) linked to crime and criminality shall be elucidated. Institutions comprising the criminal justice system are also examined drawing upon the documented experiences of offenders, victims, and workers within these systems. Whilst the specific lecture programme will vary year to year to reflect current issues, legislative changes and

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research developments, the topics likely to be covered by the module include:

A history of gender, sex and sexuality

Traditional criminology

Feminist Approaches

Pornography Fetishism

Rape

Paedophilia

Genital mutilation/cutting

Human trafficking

Sex work

Domestic violence and homicide

Harassment in the workplace

Equal opportunities in the police force and legal professions

Discriminatory patterns of sentencing

The 'special pains' of imprisonment for women

Please note, it should be clear that some of the issues discussed in this module are of a sensitive and controversial nature. These will be recurrent – in lecture presentations and seminar discussions. Students should consider whether they might find such material offensive and whether they would be comfortable discussing these themes when making their module choices.

Teaching and Learning Methods: The module is based on a combination of lectures, seminars and workshops equating to a minimum of 72 hours over 24 weeks.

Part 3: Assessment

The assessment for this module comprises two components that includes:

One 3,000 word essay demonstrating critical awareness and understanding of one of the key themes raised in the module, and the structural and socio-political context within which it is set (50%).

One seen examination (with a 24 hr window of submission) demonstrating a wide critical knowledge base of the gendered nature of crime, criminology and social control (50%).

The assessment strategy for this module was selected in order to contribute to the development of key L3 skills and module learning outcomes, and to contribute to the diversity of assessment methods on the programme as a whole. As part of UWE's 2020 strategy priorities, the module offers students the opportunity to develop skills that will enable them to become 'ready and able graduates' as well as, an 'outstanding learning experience' by utilising specialist research led knowledge. 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.

First Sit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Written Assignment - Component B	√	50 %	3000 Word Essay
Examination (Online) - Component A		50 %	Seen Examination (24 hours)
Resit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Written Assignment - Component B	✓	50 %	3000 Word Essay
Examination (Online) - Component A		50 %	Seen Examination (24 hours)

Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods								
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes:							
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	Demonstrate critical awareness of the socio-historical and political context of social control, and the impact that this has upon differently empowered identities							
	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the impact that various representations of men and women have had upon the way(s) in which we view and respond to them as victims and offenders							
	Demonstrate a critical understanding of relevant theoretical perspectives relating to the gendered and sexualised nature of victimisation, offending and processes of social control							
	Demonstrate the ability to identify and synthesise appropriate materials for the construction of academic arguments involving critical reflection and analysis							
Contact Hours	Independent Study Hours:							
	Independent study/self-guided study	23	234					
	Total Independent Study Hours:	4						
	Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:							
	Face-to-face learning	60	5					
	Total Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	6						
	Hours to be allocated		0					
	Allocated Hours	30	300					
Reading List	The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link: https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzsy7d-30-3.html							

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Part 5: Contributes Towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Criminology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19

Psychology with Criminology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Criminology with Psychology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Criminology and Law [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19

Criminology with Law [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19

Law with Criminology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2018-19

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19

Sociology with Criminology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19