



Module Specification

Introduction to Criminal Justice

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Introduction to Criminal Justice

Module code: UZSK9P-15-1

Level: Level 4

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

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: The primary aim of this module is the exploration of the Criminal Justice System in England and Wales. This involves a discussion of the philosophies that inform it, the institutions that comprise it, the individuals that engage in various ways with it, and the processes that are implicit within it.

In partnership with the academic content, the module provides an opportunity for students to develop key skills relevant to study at HE and additional employability and study skills that are important in their path to becoming ready and able graduates, which is a key priority of UWE Bristol Strategy 2020.

Generic Graduate Skills (All Introduced, Practiced and Evidenced):

Communication: Ideas, debates and sharing knowledge with others a core feature of seminar programme (Introduced, Practiced, Evidenced).

Critical Thinking: Reflection and problem solving on court report.

Digital Fluency: E-learning environment indispensable feature: preparing, engaging in class and submission of work.

Innovative and Enterprising: Presentation of ideas to peers and staff.

Forward Looking: Critique of Criminal Justice System implicit in assessment and seminar programme.

Outline syllabus: The syllabus comprises an introduction to the mechanics of the criminal justice system with a particular focus on the key institutions and key processes.

The main topics that will be covered by the module include:

Police

Courts

Sentencing

Prisons

Alternatives to Custody

Probation

Youth Justice System

Models of Justice

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: See Assessment.

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

MO1 Demonstrate an understanding of the role and function of the various institutions that make up the criminal justice system

MO2 Recognise and understand key theoretical concepts that inform the study of the criminal justice system

MO3 Evaluate the operation of the criminal justice system with reference to key debates concerning gender, age, class and ethnicity

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 117 hours

Face-to-face learning = 33 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: The assessment strategy for this module has been designed to support and enhance the development of the learning outcomes. As such assessments are designed to underpin students' academic learning and skills acquisition in the module and to provide for learning beyond the material delivered in the classroom and digitally enabled environment.

The single coursework assessment part comprises a 1500 word writing task. This

seeks to test students understanding of the criminal justice process, alongside their writing and referencing skills.

Opportunities for formative assessment are embedded in the module teaching and take a variety of forms

Assessment criteria will be made available to students in the module guidance given at the start of term and in all relevant module materials.

Assessment tasks:

Report (First Sit)

Description: 1500 word report on the role and function of criminal justice institutions.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Report (Resit)

Description: 1500 word report on the role and function of criminal justice institutions.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Law with Criminology [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2023-24

Criminology with Law [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Criminology and Law [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Psychology with Criminology [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2023-24

Criminology with Psychology [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2023-24

Criminology with Psychology [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2023-24

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

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

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

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

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

Criminology with Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Sociology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Sociology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

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

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

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

Criminology {Foundation} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

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

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

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Psychology {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] BSc (Hons)
2021-22

Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Psychology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] BSc (Hons)
2020-21