



Module Specification

Illegal Drugs: Problems, Markets and Policy

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Illegal Drugs: Problems, Markets and Policy

Module code: UZSKFU-15-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2024-25

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: Drugs, Crime and Society 2023-24

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: Illegal Drugs: Problems, Markets and Policy will introduce students to the 'drug problem' from both a national and international perspective. The module will take a criminological perspective to understand the 'drug problem', but it will also introduce students to key contributions from sociology, economics,

international relations and critical policy studies. The module draws on a range of theoretical and conceptual ideas to make sense of illegal drugs within a globalising world.

Outline syllabus: The topics covered on this module will include;

Local, national and international drug markets.

Illegal drugs, drug problems and consumer societies.

Illegal drugs, drug problems and producer societies.

National, European and international drugs policy.

Critical drugs policy analysis.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module will be taught through weekly lectures, seminars and independent study time. Students will be encouraged to read widely and critically reflect upon contemporary developments in the world of drug policy.

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

MO1 Explore and evaluate the role played by cultural, economic, political and social factors in the formation, operation and evolution of national and international illegal drug markets.

MO2 Critically interrogate and apply key theoretical and conceptual frameworks for the purpose of understanding the complex and multifaceted nature of 'drug problems' in both consumer and producer countries

MO3 Critically examine national and/or international drug policies using relevant empirical, conceptual and theoretical resources from criminology and associated disciplines.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/3AA27350-3E30-C6A9-C884-C79E9236166A.html?lang=en-GB&login=1>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Assessment: The module has a summative assessment in the form of a 2500 word case study. The assessment will support the student in achieving all three module learning outcomes.

Rationale : The case study will provide students with an opportunity to develop a critical understanding of the broader issues concerning the local, national and global nature of the drug problem, drug markets and relevant drug policy responses. The case study structure fits well with the design and delivery of module content, and will provide an effective way of assessing the breadth and depth of student learning.

Students will also be directed to use SafeAssign UWE's online plagiarism software before submitting their work so that any potential issues can be identified and addressed before work is submitted.

Formative Assessment : Students will be provided with formative assessment opportunities in seminars.

Assessment tasks:

Case Study (First Sit)

Description: 2500 word Case Study

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Case Study (Resit)

Description: 2500 word Case Study

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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

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

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

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

Professional Policing [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

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

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

Criminology and Law [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Law with Criminology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology with Law [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] 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

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

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

Criminology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

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

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Law with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] LLB (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology with Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

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

Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

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

Criminology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

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