



## **Module Specification**

### **Criminal Justice**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Criminal Justice

**Module code:** UJUUL4-30-3

**Level:** Level 6

**For implementation from:** 2025-26

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

**College:** College of Business and Law

**School:** CBL Bristol Law School

**Partner institutions:** None

**Field:** Law Undergraduate (Programmes)

**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:** The module will allow students the opportunity to question, understand and analyse the issues in the criminal justice system of England and Wales.

**Features:** Module Entry Requirements: 210 credits acceptable to the award on which the student is registered of which at least 30 credits must be credits from law modules

**Educational aims:** See Learning Outcomes.

**Outline syllabus:** An indicative syllabus outline would include:

Introduction – Both to the course and to the nature of criminal justice

Purpose and values of criminal justice.

Police Powers

Regulation of the Investigative Stage

Right to Silence

Sentencing & Appeals

The Domestic Court Setting

Miscarriages of Justice

Abuse of Police Powers and (a lack of) accountability.

Understanding Punishment

Prisons

Non-Custodial Punishment(s)

It is not necessarily envisaged that every topic in the syllabus will be covered in any one academic year. Areas which have topical significance could, therefore, be developed at greater length and less topical areas dealt with in outline only.

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** 72 hours made up of lectures, and workshops. There will also be 2 Revision sessions in each teaching block.

The workshop-based approach to teaching and learning is designed to enable the student to develop the independent research and analytical skills required for successful completion of a Level 3 Module.

The content of the course will take full account of issues relating to equality, diversity and inclusion, in line with the strategic directive of UWE.

Scheduled Learning:

**Lectorial:** Outline learning materials will be supplied to students in advance of the lectorial. Guest speakers will be utilised where appropriate.

**Workshops:** Workshops will involve problem-solving and the analysis and synthesis of conceptual and contextual issues, through group work, plenary discussion and debate, utilising technology.

Directed reading will be outlined along with a diverse range of sources, as appropriate. Students are expected to make full use of their independent learning time to reflect critically upon the subject and to develop their own ideas.

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

**MO1** Evidence a systematic understanding of the criminal justice system in England and Wales. Including: Investigations, trials and punishment.

**MO2** Demonstrate confidence and flexibility in defining complex problems as well as critically analysing and evaluating the problems within this specialist field.

**MO3** Apply knowledge in unfamiliar contexts, synthesising ideas or information to generate solutions.

**MO4** Illustrate thorough understanding of ethical professional issues, including their identification in real life situations and the ability to formulate a practical approach to them (ESD).

**MO5** Analyse new, novel and/or abstract data using an appropriate range of established subject specific techniques.

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Face-to-face learning = 228 hours

**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 module requires students to complete and pass two assessments, which will focus on explaining and critically analysing aspects of the criminal justice system.

1. Coursework essay (2,500 words, 50% of module mark)
2. 24 hour online examination (2,500 words, 50%)

**Assessment tasks:**

**Written Assignment (First Sit)**

Description: Coursework - Essay

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

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

**Examination (Online) (First Sit)**

Description: Online examination (2500 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3, MO4, MO5

**Written Assignment (Resit)**

Description: Coursework - Essay

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

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

**Examination (Online) (Resit)**

Description: Online examination (2500 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3, MO4, MO5

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Law [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2022-23

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

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

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

Law [UCW] LLB (Hons) 2022-23

Law [Frenchay] - Withdrawn LLB (Hons) 2023-24