



Module Specification

Criminology and Law Project

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Criminology and Law Project

Module code: UZSYNH-30-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2026-27

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

College: College of Health, Science & Society

School: CHSS School 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: This module will give students the opportunity to complete in-depth research into a particular area of law and/or criminology. This will be a chance for students to practise and showcase skills and knowledge that have been learnt throughout the programme. It will allow students to demonstrate a systematic understanding of key aspects of their field of study, including acquisition of coherent and detailed understanding which is informed by knowledge at the forefront of their discipline.

Further, this module will be an opportunity to reflect upon their progress and consider their future journey after leaving university.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: This module will build on knowledge acquired across the students degree programme and allow them to apply this to a current issue. In doing so they will demonstrate a systematic understanding of key topics and issues related to the study of Criminology and Law.

With support from academic staff, students will research and undertake an extended piece of work on a relevant aspect of a topical Criminological or Legal theme.

Themes are identified by staff in relation to key local or national issues. For example, knife crime, policing by consent and jury bias are important current concerns that reflect the breadth of issues which may be facilitated through the module.

Students will be assigned to a particular theme and will each produce work that investigates the topic deeply. Collectively this should present views from different perspectives to provide a thorough examination of the issue.

Completion of the project will allow student to demonstrate qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment as well as to synthesise the subject knowledge gained across the degree.

Outline syllabus: The syllabus for this module will vary year on year depending on the key themes identified for study.

Students will be split across topic groups and be expected to engage in relevant learning and research activities related to that topic and in accordance with their supervisor's guidance.

In addition the content will cover relevant research methodologies, analytical processes and guidance on how to present relevant outputs.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Students will engage in a range of different teaching and learning methods on this module. This may include lectorials, online or in person meetings with external groups and organisations, group work sessions, individual/ group supervision and independent study.

The primary contact time for this module will be offered through individual supervision sessions. These sessions will include support for directed and independent learning.

The combination of activities will support students to develop a deep understanding of their topic and facilitate them to work independently and, where necessary, as part of a team to generate valuable insights on key issues or topical problems within the Criminology and Law context.

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

MO1 Articulate an in-depth understanding of a topical criminological or legal theme.

MO2 Understand and apply research methodologies and techniques appropriately and effectively with consideration to their strengths and limitations.

MO3 Engage in independent research while taking personal responsibility for time-management, ethical considerations and academic rigour.

MO4 Appraise diverse views and perspectives and consider the challenges and opportunities these can create.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 262 hours

Face-to-face learning = 11 hours

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/966424D7-7100-0BDF-4890-336B66AAC9E4.html?lang=en-GB&login=1) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/966424D7-7100-0BDF-4890-336B66AAC9E4.html?lang=en-GB&login=1>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: This module is assessed on the basis of a 6,000 word individual project report, a proportion of which is dedicated to student reflection on the experience of undertaking the project.

Under certain conditions it may be desirable for the student to supplement the project report with an infographic or presentation submission. In such cases, the word count of the project report should be reduced accordingly. Drawing upon alternative methods of assessment in this way requires the approval of both the supervisor and module leader, who will also agree the proportion of credit to be awarded by such means, in line with the limits described above.

The assessment methods have been chosen to allow the students to best demonstrate that they have met/meet the module learning outcomes, not only in terms of the task of writing up and presenting the project but also in terms of locating their work within the discipline area, detailing and justifying the execution of the project as well as critically evaluating the outcome.

Assessment tasks:

Project (First Sit)

Description: A 6000 word project report (or equivalent) on a relevant topic or issue. Where students wish to submit an alternative to a report, for example a presentation or infographic, this must be agreed by academic staff and the length of the report should be reduced accordingly.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Project (Resit)

Description: A 6000 word project report (or equivalent) on a relevant topic or issue.

Where students wish to submit an alternative to a report, for example a presentation or infographic, this must be agreed by academic staff and the length of the report should be reduced accordingly.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Law and Criminology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2024-25

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