



Module Specification

Introduction to Criminology

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Introduction to Criminology

Module code: UZSYP4-30-1

Level: Level 4

For implementation from: 2024-25

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: The aim of this module is to introduce students to key theoretical approaches and perspectives in criminology and to explore their policy applications and consequences.

Features: Students will learn about perspectives within criminology including the causes of crime, the impact of policy and how views of crime are formulated by society.

Educational aims: The educational aims of this module are to equip students with an understanding of how criminology has emerged as a distinct contemporary field of study.

In addition, to allow students to appreciate how this dynamic subject evolves and develops in a contemporary setting and is informed by sociology, politics, social policy and law. Implicitly students will develop their understanding of debates on the meaning of criminality and deviance and discussion on complex issues in society.

Outline syllabus: Topics covered in the lecture programme may include but are not limited to:

Crime and social control in historical context

Modernity and the origins of criminology

Classical criminology

Positivist criminology

Social-psychological - biological causes of crime

Perspectives in criminology – Critical, Race, Gender

Media and crime

Crime Data

Politics and crime

Types of crime

Victimology

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module may consist of the following activities:

Lectures

Seminars

1:1 tutorials

Guest Speakers

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

MO1 Discuss the key criminological concepts, criminological theories, their differences and similarities.

MO2 Evaluate the socio-historical roots of criminological theory in a contemporary setting.

MO3 Apply criminological concepts and theories to contemporary issues of crime, criminalisation and responses to crime.

MO4 Demonstrate an understanding of the social and cultural influences on crime and criminalisation.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 210 hours

Face-to-face learning = 90 hours

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/5E9AC6C1-A3E0-0063-41E4-1E359AEE8691.html?lang=en-GB&login=1>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy for this module will give you a sound understanding of criminological perspectives. The assessments of this module are split into two areas, an essay and presentation in the form of a poster defence. Formative feedback opportunities are also included.

Essay (1500 words)

10 minute poster presentation followed by 10 minute question and answer discussion.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: 1500 word written report.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: 10 minute poster presentation followed by 10 minute question and answer discussion.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3, MO4

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: 1500 word written report.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Presentation (Resit)

Description: 10 minute poster presentation followed by 10 minute question and answer discussion.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Criminology and Public Services [UCW] BSc (Hons) 2024-25

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