

**MODULE SPECIFICATION**

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Introduction to Criminal Justice		
Module Code	UZSNLE-30-1	Level	1
For implementation from	September 2018		
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15
Faculty	Health and Applied Sciences	Field	Sociology and Criminology
Department	Health and Social Science		
Contributes towards	BA (Hons) Criminology BA (Hons) Criminology with Foundations BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology: BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology with Foundations BSc (Hons) Criminology with Psychology: BSc (Hons) Criminology with Psychology with Foundations BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology: BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology with Foundations BA (Hons) Criminology with Law: BA (Hons) Criminology and Law: LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology:		
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>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.</p> <p>The syllabus comprises an introduction to the mechanics of the criminal justice system with a particular focus on the key institutions and key processes. In addition to this, students will also consider distortions of justice through the lens of ethnicity, class, age and gender.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The main topics that will be covered by the module include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police • Courts

- Sentencing
- Prisons
- Alternatives to Custody
- Probation
- Youth Justice System
- Models of Justice

Part 3: Assessment

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.

Component A comprises of a single 2 hour exam which takes place during the final assessment period of the academic year.

The coursework components of the assessment (component B) comprise; a 1500 word court report and a 1500 word essay. The former seeks to test students understanding of the courts as a key institution in the criminal justice process, alongside their writing and referencing skills. The latter further develops their writing and referencing skills, but provides an opportunity for them to evidence their understanding of key debates (concerning gender, age, class and ethnicity) as relevant to the criminal justice system.

These assessment types have been chosen because they complement the approach of other modules which are delivered in the subject group at Year 1. The court report specifically is a novel introductory assessment and due to its practical nature is both an exciting way for students to be introduced to the workings of the criminal justice system, but also provides students with content upon which to reflect and link to theory. This is considered to be a better practice than a heavily theoretical assessment, which could be potentially alienating to students in light of this being one of their first HE level assessments.

Opportunities for formative assessment are embedded in the module teaching and take a variety of forms; students will have access to exam questions in relation to component A, and reflection opportunities in relations to their court observations as relevant to component B.

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

Identify final timetabled piece of assessment (component and element)	Component A	
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	A:	B:
	50	50
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Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. 2 hour unseen exam	100	
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. 1500 word 'court report'	50	
2. 1500 word essay	50	
Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. 2 hour unseen exam	100	
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	

1. 1500 word essay relating to the courts	50
2. 1500 word essay	50

Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods

Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this module students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate an understanding of the role and function of the various institutions that make up the criminal justice system (Component A and B2) 2. Recognise and understand key theoretical concepts that inform the study of the criminal justice system (Component A and B1 & B2) 3. Illustrate an awareness of the relationship between different institutions within the criminal justice system. (Component A and B2) 4. Evaluate the operation of the criminal justice system with reference to key debates concerning gender, age, class and ethnicity (Component A and B1 and B2) 5. Evidence the ability to undertake observational research on the court system (Component B)
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Contact Hours	<p>The module is based on a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops and guest speaker series of sessions, which equates to a minimum of 72 hours over 24 weeks.</p> <p>The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a;</p> <p>Written Exam: Unseen or open book written exam AND Coursework: Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project or in class test</p>																									
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Reading List	<p>Online list: https://uwe.rl.talis.com/lists/845F3D68-4635-F539-0410-6FD6B07201B2.html</p> <p>Finch, E. and Fafinski, S. (2016) <i>Criminology Skills</i>. (2nd edition) Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Davies, M., Croall, H & Tyrer, J. (2010) <i>Criminal Justice</i>. Harlow: Pearson.</p>
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	<p>Joyce, P. (2006) <i>Criminal Justice, an introduction to crime and the criminal justice system</i>. London: Willan.</p> <p>Hucklesby, A. and Wahidin, A. eds., (2013) <i>Criminal Justice</i>. (2nd Edition) Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Sanders, A, Young, Burton, M. (2010) <i>Criminal Justice</i>. Oxford: University Press.</p> <p>Muncie, J. & Wilson, D. (2004) <i>Student Handbook of Criminal justice and Criminology</i>. London: Cavendish.</p> <p>Cavidino, M. & Dignan, J. (2007) <i>The Penal System: An Introduction</i>. London: Sage.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to read review issues of relevant journals and media stories for material relevant to understanding patterns of crime for example: <i>British Journal of Criminology</i>; <i>International Journal of Police Science and Management</i>; <i>International Review of Victimology</i>.</p>
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