



Module Specification

Contemporary Issues

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Contemporary Issues

Module code: UBGMJJ-30-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Environment & Technology

Department: FET Dept of Geography & Environmental Mgmt

Partner institutions: University Centre Weston

Field: Geography and Environmental Management

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: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: In this module you will gain knowledge and a critical understanding of the issues that impact on the uniformed and public services within a globalizing economy.

You will investigate the current UK operating environment for the uniformed and public services exploring and analysing the factors that have driven change. Drawing upon your previous study, knowledge, skills and experiences, to both apply and critique contemporary thinking and academic concepts to the modern world.

Outline syllabus: Within the module you will examine a range of contemporary issues and societal changes to understand how these impact directly on the efficient operation of the public services. These topics could include: Child exploitation; Homelessness; Immigration; and knife crime.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: See Learning Outcomes

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

MO1 Critically examine the contemporary factors that have driven change within the UK public services.

MO2 Critically assess, analyse and reflect upon the operating environment for the public services and make judgements about trends and current circumstances.

MO3 Investigate, explore and understand the impact of social, ethical, political and technological factors upon society.

MO4 Critically evaluate a contemporary issue facing the public services and identify a potential strategic response to it.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 210 hours

Face-to-face learning = 90 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The summative assessment for this module has been devised to examine students' application and knowledge of the subject as well as their ability to critically evaluate the ideas presented and discussed throughout the module. Formative feedback opportunities are embedded into the module delivery, with self and peer assessment playing a pivotal role.

Presentation - (15 minutes presentation and 10 minutes questioning) select a contemporary topic, research it, critically evaluate the causes of it and analyse its impact on the uniformed and public services and identify a potential strategic response to it.

Report - (2000 words) critically evaluate the wider contemporary issues that are currently affecting the uniformed and public services. You will investigate the current UK operating environment for the uniformed and public services exploring and analysing the factors that have driven change.

Resit Presentation - a similar brief to that described above, which may include some topic changes.

Resit Report - a similar brief to that described above, which may include some topic changes.

Assessment tasks:

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: Presentation (15 mins presentation and 10 mins questioning)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO4

Report (First Sit)

Description: Report (2000 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Presentation (15 mins presentation and 10 mins questioning)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO4

Report (Resit)

Description: Report (2000 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Uniformed and Public Services [Sep][FT][UCW][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Uniformed and Public Services [Sep][PT][UCW][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21