



## **Module Specification**

### **Drugs, Crime and Society**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Drugs, Crime and Society

**Module code:** UZSKFT-15-2

**Level:** Level 5

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 15

**ECTS credit rating:** 7.5

**Faculty:** Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

**Department:** HAS Dept 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:** Not applicable

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** Drugs, Crime and Society will introduce students to key themes and debates in the criminology of illegal drugs. The module will engage with a wide range of topics from changing patterns of use and dependency and drug related problems to national and international drug markets. The module draws on a range

of theoretical and conceptual ideas to understand the nature of drugs, their use and regulation.

**Outline syllabus:** Topics will include;

The role of the social environment in producing drug experiences.

Criminological theories of drug use, misuse and dependency.

Role of gender, age, class and ethnicity in drug use, culture and problems.

Relationship between drugs, drug cultures and criminal activity.

Local, national and international drug markets

Policing drug markets.

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

**Teaching and learning methods:** Lectures and seminars will place these topics in their proper historical, political, scientific and cultural contexts. In the seminars, student will be expected to have covered assigned material, and to participate in group activities to explore key concepts and issues.

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

**MO1** Show a broad awareness of drug use and drug culture in a range of contexts including cultural, historical, social and political.

**MO2** Identify and analyse drug use and drug-related problems within a wide social framework that incorporates gender, ethnicity, health, culture and the media.

**MO3** Evidence a detailed knowledge and be able to apply different conceptual and theoretical frameworks to drug use, drug culture and drug problems.

**MO4** Evidence an understanding of different drug markets including local, national and/or international, and the policies and practices designed to tackle them.

**Hours to be allocated:** 150

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 117 hours

Face-to-face learning = 33 hours

Total = 150

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/75E8DB29-82DF-2E39-B6D8-2F6101F272CB.html?lang=en-US&login=1) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/75E8DB29-82DF-2E39-B6D8-2F6101F272CB.html?lang=en-US&login=1>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** The assessment strategy for this module aims to measure both depth and breadth of knowledge and understanding achieved by students through one exam comprising of a short answer unseen section and a long answer seen section. This exam will allow students to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and ability to recall facts, ideas and arguments in a range of situations. The exam-based assessment was selected in order to contribute to the development of key L2 skills the diversity of assessment methods on the programme as a whole. The module adheres to UWE Academic Regulations and Assessment and Feedback Policy, and assessment and feedback will form a critical aspect of the students learning process in line with UWE's Assessment and Feedback Policy and will follow UWE's inclusivity guidance.

Assessment criteria used for each assessment strategy will be provided for students via Blackboard.

Assessment part A: Online seen exam (with 24 hour submission window).

Formative assessments and feedback : Seminar and tutorial activities provide students with activities and opportunities to assess their progress on the module. Feedback on progress is provided by the seminar tutor.

**Assessment tasks:****Examination (Online) (First Sit)**

Description: Short and long answer exam with a 24hr window of submission

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Examination (Online) (Resit)**

Description: Short and long answer exam with a 24hr window of submission

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:

Sociology with Criminology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Psychology [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Psychology [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

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

Criminology with Law [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

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

Criminology with Sociology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Psychology with Criminology [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

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

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

Criminology with Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Law with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

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

Criminology and Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

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

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21