

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Contemporary Criminological Thought
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	CRI7027

5 Module Overview	
<p>The aim of this module is to give students an understanding of the different theoretical approaches adopted within the discipline of Criminology. Throughout the module, students are reminded that Criminology is a “rendezvous subject”. As a consequence, the history and development of criminological thinking has been subject to change over time, and continues to be pulled in different directions, with recurring tensions between “orthodox” and more “critical” approaches to offending.</p> <p>However, the module specifically will consider more contemporary and recent developments in criminological thinking and theorising, taking as its focus contemporary theoretical debates that are encountered in contemporary criminology. While some coverage will be given to the lineage and the development of the discipline of criminology historically, it will seek to bring students up to date with emergent perspectives and cutting edge debates and texts occurring at the forefront of the subject. Hence, it seeks to be extremely relevant to emergent debates and controversies in the evolving subject of criminology.</p> <p>This module introduces the students to a broad range of theories on crime and criminality at an advanced level. However, it also recognises that some of the student cohort will come from an “applied” background, rather than an academic one. It seeks to develop student appreciation and understanding of how different disciplines have contributed explanations and theorisations about crime, the causes of crime and the responses to crime both theoretically and in praxis.</p>	

6 Indicative Content	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Role of Politics in Criminology • 1970s to today - British Administrative Criminology • Deviancy and the NDC - The shift in Sociological Criminology • Core Ideas in Contemporary Criminology – Zemiology • Critical Feminist and Race Theories • Core ideas in Contemporary Criminology – Realism • Core ideas in Contemporary Criminology - Ultra Realism • Crime, consumer culture and the riots

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
	1	Demonstrate a capacity to critically examine the different theoretical positions, engage in current debates within the discipline, and come to well-found judgements in conditions of uncertainty and continuing disciplinary debate.
	2	Identify, describe and critically evaluate the concepts and key theoretical features of several of the contemporary emergent theoretical positions within criminology; Comparing, contrasting and critically appraising their different merits and drawbacks; and hence forming judgements on their relative advantages and drawbacks.
	3	Show an ability to communicate sophisticated and complex theoretical ideas to a critical and informed audience.
	4	Use and apply both intellectual and practical transferable skills required in researching and creating and delivering a competent, coherent, theoretically informed and well researched, well-organised and effective oral presentation demonstrating the outcomes above, and a strong grasp of the English language and the conventions of academic criminology of an advanced level both with the oral and visual/textual requirements of the assessment.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1-4			X

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	23	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	60	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	117	
Total Study Hours:	200	