

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Prisons and Punishment: Local and Global
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	CRI7033

5 Module Overview

This module is designed to develop learners' understanding of the key theories of punishment through a brief exploration of the history of penal theory and a reflection on the contemporary challenges and controversies both in the context of England and Wales and the United Kingdom as a whole. Furthermore, this module seeks to engage students with all the key contemporary debates around penal practises in England and Wales and to ensure that they are exposed to a global perspective on those issues.

It also exposes them to new and emergent areas of criminological concern such as the hardening of immigration and immigration detention practices, the global debates on the place and function of Capital Punishment and the issue of imprisonment for life without parole (LWOP).

This module reflects the subject knowledge and understanding as outlined in the QAA benchmarks (2014) concerning the philosophy and politics of criminalisation, victimisation, criminal justice and modes of punishment. Vocationally it is linked to a range of potential criminal justice professions in the statutory, voluntary and non-governmental sectors, building participants knowledge and understanding of core functions and debates in the prison and punishment realms both nationally and globally. Additionally, where applicable and subject to confirmation and clearance, the module will include a visit to a local prison and guest lecturers from within the Prison system.

6 Indicative Content

- The History of Prisons in England and Wales
- Women and Prisons
- The Incarceration of Young Offenders
- Prison Abolition
- Race and Radicalisation
- Global Perspectives on the Death Penalty
- Immigration Detention Practises
- Theories of Punishment
- Alternatives to Prison
- Carceral Geography
- Prison Violence and Disorder
- The Future of Prisons
- Prisons and Rehabilitation



7	М	Module Learning Outcomes				
	Or	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:				
	1	Show knowledge and critical understanding of the key contemporary debates about prison and punishment having acquired an enhanced understanding of penal policy and practice in both England and Wales and globally.				
	2	Present knowledge and critical understanding of the moral, legal and ethical issues surrounding punishment and control through incapacitation and incarceration via various carceral practices and their relevance to modern ideological perspectives and debates concerning penal policy both in England and Wales and beyond.				
	3	Undertake enhanced independent research and study skills, using a wide range of library and web-based resources appropriate to the topic and for level 7 postgraduate study, including the ability to use find and analyse quantitative and/or qualitative data relating to contemporary English and Welsh and Global prison policy and practice.				
	4	Present well-reasoned, research informed arguments that demonstrate a critical understanding of the content of the module.				

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

9 Breakdown Learning and	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	24		
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	24		
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	152		
Total Study Hours:	200		