

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	On Crimes and Punishment: An Introduction to Criminological Theory
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	4
4	Module Code	CRI4029

5	Module Overview
<p>This module explores and examines the origins of criminology, some of its historical debates, concepts, literature and research. It will outline what are often considered the core perspectives and theories related to crime and criminality. It introduces students to the history and development of criminology as an academic discipline.</p> <p>This core module at level 4 provides students with an understanding of the key concepts and theoretical approaches that have developed and are developing in relation to crime, victimisation and responses to crime and deviance. In particular, students should be aware of the debates “over crime control policy; the scope of human rights; the links between criminal and social justice; and the expanding knowledge bases of crime prevention, security and justice-related professions (p.9). Students should also be able to understand and demonstrate the relationship of social class, gender, age, race, ethnicity and other salient aspects of diversity in relation to crime, victimisation and responses to these phenomena.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>Week 1: What is Criminology? Week 2: Crime and Deviance Week 3: Orthodox vs. Critical Criminology Week 4: Demonology, The Enlightenment and Classicism Week 5: The Positivist Approach Week 6 The Whitechapel Murders and Jack the Ripper Week 7: Guest Lecture: Justin Rollins Week 8: Sociological Approaches Week 9: Radicalizing Traditions – Deviance and Labelling Week 10: Crime of Passion – Emotions and Social Psychology Week 11: The Role of Punishment Week 12: The Murder of James Bulger</p>	

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
	1	Demonstrate an understanding of the core schools of criminological thought and the central tenets of each paradigm, including their contemporary relevance and applications.
	2	Recall and demonstrate a knowledge of seminal and/key contributors within contemporary criminology, their works and arguments.
	3	Exhibit familiarity with theoretical controversies regarding the causes of crime and with the consequent application of these theories in responses to crime in the UK.
	4	Apply knowledge, understanding and intellectual skills gained throughout the module, which can link to the students' personal development planning.

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	34	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	46	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	120	
Total Study Hours:	200	