

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Prisons and Punishment
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	5
4	Module Code	CRI5058

5	Module Overview
<p>This module is designed to develop learners' understanding of the emergence and development of key theories of punishment through an exploration of the history of penal theory and its contemporary challenges and controversies. Furthermore, this module seeks to refine and expand upon traditional theoretical perspectives of punishment and the current reliance upon imprisonment as a dominant form of punishment in England and Wales. In doing so, it requires students to critically engage with some of the limitations of such an approach.</p> <p>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.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short History of Prisons • Theories of Punishment • Prison Crisis • Carceral Geography • Race, Racism and Radicalisation • Prison Violence • Age in Prisons • Women in Prison • Mental Health in Prison • Managing and Working in Prisons • Drugs in Prison • Future of Prisons – Privatisation, PbR, ATC, Abolition 	

7		Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
	1	Show knowledge and critical understanding of the key debates about prison and punishment in England and Wales.
	2	Display knowledge and critical understanding of the theoretical paradigms within the study of penal theory and their relevance to modern ideological perspectives in penal policy.
	3	Demonstrate enhanced independent research and study skills, using a wide range of library and web-based resources appropriate to the topic and for Level 5 undergraduate study.
	4	Articulate well-reasoned, research informed arguments that demonstrate a critical understanding of prison policy and practice in relation to the content of the course.

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	