

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Crime in the City: Criminology, Urban Culture and Social Change
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	5
4	Module Code	CRI5067

5	Module Overview
<p>In this module we will take a critical look at the shifting nature of crime, criminal identities and criminal markets throughout the twentieth century as linked to the urban city as a social milieu. We will also investigate the nature of contemporary city living and how contemporary forms of culture are inscribed in twenty-first century criminal practices. We will also look in a little more detail at forms of criminological theory and consider newer emergent aspects of cultural and critical forms of criminology.</p> <p>Many of the examples used and drawn on in this module will consider the city of Birmingham as a national and international 'global city' and will encourage students to think about and engage with their immediate surroundings to consider contemporary issues of crime and its control both locally, nationally and globally. Topics covered will range from conventional forms of crime to more sophisticated and harmful behaviours often considered under the rubric of harm rather than crime.</p> <p>The module will encourage students to think about issues in their immediate locality and beyond, using both theoretical and empirical research material, personal reflection and participation in active production of an original piece of work in the form of an audio-podcast that students will work collaboratively to create, thereby using practical transferable research skills. It is anticipated that this, combined with the assessment task will encourage critical thinking and deeper engagement with both theoretical and empirical material that is contemporary and cutting edge in academic and social discourse on crime in the contemporary city of Birmingham and beyond.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions of Urban Spaces • History of Urban spaces • Gangs and Urban Violence • Feminism and Urban Space • Gender and Urban Violence • Youth Crime • Hate Crime • Islamophobia and Rise of the Right • Approaches to Policing Urban Crime 	

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
	1	Describe the relationships between power, crime and social change.
	2	Critically examine the historical development of Urban Crime in England and Wales and how the Justice System has respond to this change.
	3	Critically examine how the nature of contemporary city living can be influenced by socio-economic, political, cultural and technological factors.
	4	Utilise criminological theory to discuss causes and responses to urban crime.

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	35	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	45	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	120	
Total Study Hours:	200	