

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Homicide and Multiple Homicide: Criminological Understandings of Killing
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	CRI6083

5	Module Overview
<p>This single module provides students with an opportunity to critically engage with some of the key aims of their programme by examining some of the contemporary debates that surround the phenomenon of homicide and multiple homicide- and how various perspectives have generated their own arguments in an attempt to understand this unique form of offending. In doing so, students will be given various case studies of serial murderers, focusing on more historical cases before moving to more contemporary examples, whilst also providing how academic understanding and society has developed during this time. By presenting both a theoretical discussion and real life cases of serial murder, students will be provided an opportunity to develop knowledge and critical understanding of criminology and related disciplines both in theory and in practice.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Introduction to the module. •What is homicide? •Single homicide – domestic, homicide, confrontational homicide, revenge homicide. •Serial homicide. •Spree and mass homicide. •Explaining homicide – biological and psychological. •Explaining homicide – Sociological. •International landscape of homicide – homicide in different countries – USA, South Africa, Japan. •Media representations of homicide – separating the fact from the fiction. •Contemporary Cases of Homicide in the Media. •Investigating homicide – beyond the myths and stereotypes. •The case study (1) – Researching your case. <p>These sessions will provide advice and guidance in relation to situating the case within the relevant conceptual and theoretical frameworks. This will include what ‘type’ of homicide it is and the extent to which it is similar to or different from other homicides of this.</p>	

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
	1	Explain and describe 'homicide' and other terms used by criminologists in relation to this type of crime.
	2	Locate individual homicide cases within the conceptual and theoretical frameworks of homicide studies.
	3	Evaluate criminological concepts and theories in offering explanations for homicide.
	4	Debate the role of the media in helping or hindering understandings of homicide.

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	24	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	12	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	164	
Total Study Hours:	200	