

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	The Live Project
2	Module Credits	40
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	LAW6069

5	Module Overview
<p>The aim of the 'Live project' module is to provide a framework for you to undertake a substantial piece of disciplinary-relevant project work combined with academic reflexion and knowledge and skills which will give you both experience undertaking project work (working on a specified and approved project rather than undertaking a pure research project) that links your learning with employability skills and a practice context in a socially beneficial manner. It is founded upon Birmingham City University's teaching and learning philosophy which integrates theory and practice, and the BCU aims for graduates of building Skills awareness, employability and personal development which is embedded in the curriculum and its strong emphasis on building a professional portfolio of work and experience to ensure easy work transition for students.</p> <p>The format of the practice based and led 'Live Project' will vary, dependent on the discipline you are studying, degree pathway you are on, and the choice of project. The project also has to adhere to the framework of ethical approval applied within the School of Social Sciences in the year of study where relevant. Project formats for sociology students (BA Sociology Hons, BA Sociology & Criminology) and be tied to you undertaking relevant 'project work' that you can reflect on. However, that is broadly defined, and it may involve students' involvement in voluntary work, setting up a social enterprise project, volunteering in a specific charity or NGO, or project work in a statutory or public sector body. In contrast with a more traditional empirical dissertation or extended research project, the live project is premised on students work in a subject relevant field along with their academic reflections and input into a practice based setting. The 'live project' allows students to gain credit for a placement or voluntary contribution to the community in a social project. Project formats will likely vary for criminology students (BA Criminology Hons, BA Criminology and Security Studies, BA Criminology, Policing and Investigation and BA sociology students) but students are required to have a placement in a relevant setting and involvement in specific project work which they can draw upon in order to undertake the module. For example sociology students may be working in project work in mental health charities, family planning projects, with various NGO's and charity settings. Criminology students might be working on projects in youth offending, student projects that are in partnership with the police, prison or probation service, in educational and BCU based initiatives that are linked to student services.</p> <p>The module provides a framework for integrating the principles, tools, theories and methods from your programme and providing students a degree of freedom to develop a project in a relevant subject of their choosing. Rather than writing a research based dissertation, students write a research project report, outlining the aims, objectives, outcomes of their part in a specified and approved community live project, and produce a a reflexive learning diary which considers their learning, growth and development as part of the project team and the challenges and opportunities working with others.</p>	

The module is aligned to the programmes' aims as it pursues excellence in enabling you to specialise in a chosen field or area and undertake practical work that contributes positively to the locality while using theoretical and empirical knowledge developed during studies. Depending upon the chosen area of study the project may well be interdisciplinary or have a national or even international scope. Although there is some recommended reading for devising the research project the essential reading will reflect the negotiated topic and organisation under investigation.

6	Indicative Content
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- Introduction to the module.
- Independent project work in field setting with support from academic supervisor and one project visit from the supervisor.
- Final collective module meeting of students, supervisors and project partners at Curzon for an informal project sharing and feedback session.

7	Module Learning Outcomes
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On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

1	Justify a disciplinary-relevant live project and actively contribute to it positively.
2	Self-manage research, including managing the supervisory process and reflecting critically on the work undertaken as part of the live project.
3	Identify and synthesise the relevant conceptual tools from your degree programme, applying them to a particular 'live project' and project work.
4	Present and review the results of your project at an advanced level and critically reflect on learning, development and application of knowledge.

8	Module Assessment		
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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	4
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	192
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	204
Total Study Hours:	400