

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Human Rights: Theory and Practice
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	CRI6093

5	Module Overview
<p>This module provides students with an opportunity to critically explore the concepts, debates, literature and research relating to rights. It encourages students to develop an informed and systematic approach to thinking about rights and to develop their knowledge of the main theories of rights. Given the centrality of rights to liberal democracy, the module assists students to better grasp the ideological context within which criminological thinking takes place.</p> <p>The module examines some of the contemporary debates that surround the concept of rights, with a particular focus on human rights. In terms of theories; it moves from an examination of the historical precursors to human rights, through an analysis of the characteristics of our contemporary human rights and their value to a diverse society, such as that of the UK on to a study of challenges to and violations of, the universal human rights paradigm.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights: concept and context • Human Rights: 'normative (moral) and theoretical foundations' • The existence and universality of Natural Right (The Rights of Man) and Human Rights • The idea of rights in western political thought: the early modern period, 1500-1800 • The idea of rights in western political thought: the later modern periods, 1800 to the present day • Human rights today: declarations, conventions and law- content and foundations • Human rights: contemporary issues 	

7	Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
1	Demonstrate a systematic and conceptual understanding of the ideas and core debates surrounding theories of rights and demonstrate coherent and detailed knowledge of the key literature on theories of rights.
2	Display the capacity to integrate information and concepts from a number of disciplinary areas; and evaluate a range of issues via reference to contemporary rights theories.
3	Structure your ability to come to a well-reasoned judgement on a complex issue.
4	Show effective communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team.

8 Module Assessment			
Learning Outcome			
		Coursework	Exam
1-4			In-Person
			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