

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title Introduction to Sociology and Criminology	
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	3
4	Module Code	SOC3001

5 Module Overview

This module provides an introduction to sociology and criminology. We scope the broad content of both subjects and recognise areas where these two related subjects overlap. We will explore what sociologists and criminologists are interested in looking at and what ideas and approaches are used to develop sociological and criminological understanding.

The module will introduce you to different perspectives and how these are applied to themes such as self and society, social organisation and control, social division and inequality, different explanations of crime, crime prevention, and crime and punishment. Areas of sociologically informed community practice and practice in the criminal justice system are identified and discussed. The module will be delivered through a combination of interactive sessions, guided reading, class-based exercises and discussions, study visits and talks from people working in relevant professions.

Assessment comprises a group prepared and presented 'poster display' on a topic relevant to the module.

6 Indicative Content

What is Sociology? What is Criminology?

Thinking about and looking at: people and society - crime and criminal justice

Survey research. Ethnographic research. Documentary research.

Qualitative and quantitative research distinguished

Thinking about and looking at people and society – crime and criminal justice.

Using theory and method to 'explain' social outcomes – some examples

Self, society and culture: identity and socialization

Looking at people and society Inequalities and social divisions

Scoping crime: explanations of crime

Looking at crime and criminal justice Responding to crime - crime prevention Looking at crime and criminal justice

Responding to crime – crime and punishment



7	M	Module Learning Outcomes		
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:			
	1	Discuss the range of topics and themes addressed in sociology and criminology noting areas of interconnection and application in community practice or criminal justice.		
	2	Identify and explain an example of how subject-relevant knowledge can be used to 'explain' something of interest to sociologists or criminologists.		
	3	3 Communicate your ideas and points for discussion clearly and competently.		

8	Module Asse	essment				
Learning Outcome						
		Coursework	Exam	In-Person		
1-3				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	48			
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	36			
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	116			
Total Study Hours:	200			