

Module code: MOD007446	Version: 3 Date Amended: 05/Jul/2024
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1. Module Title
Criminal Justice in England and Wales

2a. Module Leader
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2b. School
School of Humanities and Social Sciences

2c. Faculty
Faculty of Arts, Humanities, Education and Social Sciences

3a. Level
4

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
30

4b. Study Hours
300

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:			

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description

Criminal Justice in England and Wales will introduce you to the criminal justice system and take you through the key agencies within the justice system including the police, courts, prison, probation and the youth justice system. Each week, you will be introduced to, and unpack a different stage of the justice system. You will learn about the court process and the stages of a trial, including compulsory attendance at a Crown Court jury trial.

You will learn how to critically assess research in the criminal justice system, developing evaluation skills and knowledge of research methods in the process. By the end of Criminal Justice in England and Wales, you will be able to demonstrate an appreciation of theories of punishment, the complexities of the sentencing process and feel confident in your assessment of academic articles.

This module is taught in weekly two-hour lectures and one hour 'research evaluation skills' workshop.

6b. Outline Content

- Crime and society
- Criminal Justice System
- Sentencing statistics
- The Police
- The National Probation Service
- The Youth Justice System
- The Judiciary
- Her Majesty's Prison Service
- Employment in the Criminal Justice Sector

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

Active learning classrooms for all seminars.

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)		
No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Recognise and distinguish historical and contemporary stages of the criminal justice process and critically discuss its influence on current political and cultural climates.
2	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate robust knowledge of inspirational individuals within the criminal justice system and evaluate their success, challenges and implications still relevant today.
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Apply knowledge of the criminal justice process and research skills to develop a presentation that evaluates an academic article in the context of restorative justice, the police, prisons, desistance and youth justice.
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Demonstrate the ability to critically reflect on your own learning behaviour, group work and achievements, in relation to potential employment in the criminal justice system.

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers				
Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2025/6	ZZF	Template For Face To Face Learning Delivery		Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	22	1-3	Lecture, 2 hours x 11 weeks
Other teacher managed learning	11	1-4	Research and Study skills workshop, 1 hour x 11 weeks
Student managed learning	267	1-4	Student managed learning, including one whole day attending a jury trial
TOTAL:	300		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	1-4	40 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
Live Brief - 2,000 words (equivalent)					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
011	Coursework	1-4	60 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
Trial and Sentencing Report - 2,500 words					

In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*).

In addition, students are required to:

- (a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above
- (b) pass any pass/fail elements

[* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]