

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Criminal Justice

Reference	BS4148	Version	6
Created	February 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	March 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	June 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

### Aims of Module

To provide the student with an ability to analyse the the role of the police and to evaluate the theory and practice of prosecution and sentencing.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Assess the structures, functions and performance of the police service.
- 2 Analyse the process of public prosecution in the public interest.
- 3 Critically evaluate the theory and practice of sentencing and the prison system.

### Indicative Module Content

Structures, functions, powers and accountability of the police; the role of the public prosecutor; sentencing theory and practice; prison system.

### Module Delivery

This is a lecture and seminar based module. Lectures provide core module content. seminars develop associated higher level skills through student centred learning.

### Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	36
Non-Contact Hours	114	114
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

**ASSESSMENT PLAN**

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

**Component 1**

Type: Coursework Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 2, 3  
 Description: Written coursework exercise

**Component 2**

Type: Examination Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3  
 Description: Written examination.

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

The Module is assessed by two components: C1 - Coursework - 30% weighting. C2 - Examination - 70% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>B</b>	At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>C</b>	At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>D</b>	At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>E</b>	At least 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>F</b>	Less than 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>NS</b>	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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