

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Social Work in Criminal Justice

Reference	SS2028	Version	6
Created	April 2020	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	October 2004	SCQF Points	15
Amended	July 2020	ECTS Points	7.5

### Aims of Module

To provide the student with applied knowledge and understanding of social work as a key stakeholder in the Scottish Criminal Justice System.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Appraise the policy, legislation and procedure frameworks underpinning criminal justice social work practice.
- 2 Apply knowledge of criminology to a range of offender groups.
- 3 Apply knowledge of assessment and intervention strategies designed to facilitate change for individuals who offend within the context of evidence based practice.

### Indicative Module Content

Trends in social control, crime control, crime prevention and sentencing. Legislation, policies and practice guidelines determining work with individuals who offend. Criminology & Desistance. Court disposals and implications. Assessments, risk assessments and criminal justice. Case management & inter-professional working. Statutory report writing. Different approaches to working with offenders, e.g. motivational interviewing/cognitive behavioural/programme work, drawing on evidence based practice. Prison Perspectives. Public protection and Community Safety, offender rights and responsibilities, victim perspectives. Inequalities in the justice system. Reflects the knowledge, skills and professional confidence and competence requirements around engagement with public protection.

### Module Delivery

A combination of experiential exercises, lectures supported by online multimedia resources.

**Indicative Student Workload**

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	50	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	100	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<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:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3
Description:	Essay				

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

This module has one component with a 100% weighting. All learning outcomes are assessed by an essay.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	A
<b>B</b>	B
<b>C</b>	C
<b>D</b>	D
<b>E</b>	E
<b>F</b>	F
<b>NS</b>	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module	Satisfactory completion of Stage 2 or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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