

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Introduction To Criminal Justice System

Reference	LL1020	Version	1
Created	September 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	December 2023	SCQF Points	15
Amended		ECTS Points	7.5

### Aims of Module

To provide an introduction to the Criminal Justice system building from the definitional module in semester 1 to see the practical environment and framework of the system

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Describe the different conceptions of criminal justice as they apply in practice
- 2 Define the interaction between the law and the process of investigating and prosecuting crime
- 3 Outline the process and decision making involved in criminal trials and other forms
- 4 Express the application of theories of punishment as they apply in the remedies and results which follow conviction
- 5 Describe how the rules of evidence and procedure interact with the other pressures and influences within the criminal justice process

### Indicative Module Content

The module will survey the justice process from "doing the crime" to "doing the time" and beyond (and miscarriages of justice), this includes an overview of the legal system with a particular focus on the criminal justice system. This looks at the law and practice of criminal investigations including arrest, prosecution and trial, and prison and other forms of punishment.

### Module Delivery

This module is delivered through a combination of workshops and tutorials. These will explore different perspectives on the core subject matter, using case studies and real life examples.

**Indicative Student Workload**

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	114	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, 4, 5
Description:	A written coursework				

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

The written coursework comprises 100% of the module grade

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	Student must gain a grade A in the coursework
<b>B</b>	Student must gain a grade B in the coursework
<b>C</b>	Student must gain a grade C in the coursework
<b>D</b>	Student must gain a grade D in the coursework
<b>E</b>	Student must gain a grade E in the coursework
<b>F</b>	Student must gain a grade F in the coursework
<b>NS</b>	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module	None, in addition to the course entry requirements
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- 1 BROWN, A.N., 2010. Criminal evidence and procedure an introduction. 2nd ed. Haywards Heath: Bloomsbury Professional
- 2 CROALL, H., et al., eds., 2016. Crime, justice and society in Scotland. London: Routledge. ebook
- 3 EASTON, S., and PIPER, C., 2016. Sentencing and punishment: the quest for justice. 4th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 4 LIEBLING A et al., eds., 2023. Oxford handbook of criminology. 7th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.