

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

What Is Crime & Deviance?

Reference	SS1901	Version	1
Created	September 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	December 2023	SCQF Points	30
Amended		ECTS Points	15

### Aims of Module

To provide a foundation in the study of criminology in an applied context, and introducing the key concepts.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Understand the legal definitions of crime and criminal behaviour in Scotland and the wider UK
- 2 Apply these definitions to relevant behaviour on the spectrum from single acts by individuals to organised crime, and distinguish them from each other
- 3 Understand the core social science concepts of deviance and criminal
- 4 Apply those concepts to key offences on the spectrum from individual to group behaviour

### Indicative Module Content

The module draws on legal and social science perspectives of crime and deviance. For example, the social science element will outline the 'classic' and contemporary approaches to crime and deviance in order to introduce an analytical and critical disposition to criminology. It will set out the key definitions and framework of criminal law.

### Module Delivery

The module is delivered through a combination of weekly lectures and seminars, which are complemented by online media.

### Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	40	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	260	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	300	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

Description: An reflective learning-log assesses the student's progress through the course, providing for their engagement with the module activities.

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

The learning log is assessed in its totality to measure the development of learning and insights the student has achieved during the module.

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	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

Module is an interdisciplinary module with delivery shared broadly equally between the School of Applied Social Studies and the Law School

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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- 4 Downes, D. (2021) Understanding Deviance: A Guide to the Sociology of Crime and Rule-Breaking. Oxford: Oxford University Press.