MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Firearms And Gang Culture

Reference	SS3901	Version	1
Created	September 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	December 2023	SCQF Points	15
Amended		ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide an understanding of the interlocking factors which lead to gang culture - and in particular the use of firearms in that context.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

1	Explain the concepts and principles underlying the forensic investigation of firearms offences.
2	Discuss the sociology of gang cultures and disorganised crime.
3	Discuss legal approaches to firearm and gang crime.
4	Discuss alternative non-criminal justice responses to gang-related crime.

Indicative Module Content

The module will cover: Mechanisms and design aspects, introduction to ballistics, scene of shooting incident, firearm discharge residues, forensic laboratory examination, proof marks, county lines, sociological theories of gangs, contemporary developments in gang culture, global comparisons, social inequalities, racism, policing, spatial organisation of gangs, public-health approaches to gang culture and gang-related crime, working with young people.

Module Delivery

This module is delivered through a combination of lab practicals, lectures and seminars. 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	20	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	130	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body		

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: Learning log based on case study

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:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None, beyond the stage 3 requirements
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

This is an interdisciplinary module taught by Forensic science and the School of Applies Social Studies

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

1   Haag, M.G.(2020) Shooting Incident Reconstruction. Amsterdam, Academic Press (Elsevier).. .

2   McLean, R., 2019. Gangs, drugs and (dis) organised crime. Bristol University Press