**DEPARTMENT OF:** Criminology and Sociology

**Course Code:** CR1011  
**Course Value:** 1 Unit

**Status:** (ie: Core, or Optional)  
**Core**

**Course Title:** Introduction to Criminology

**Availability:** (state which teaching terms)

**Autumn/Spring**

**Prerequisites:** None

**Recommended:**

**Co-ordinator:** Prof Ravinder Barn

**Course Staff**  
Prof Ravinder Barn

**Aims:**

1. To explore populist and ‘official’ meanings and images of crime;
2. To provide students with a basic appreciation of the differing perspectives and models used by criminologists to understand crime;
3. To explore the influence of criminological ideas on state intervention in the criminal justice system.

**Learning Outcomes:**

On successful completion of this course, students will have developed:

1. The skills to evaluate different views of the problem of crime;
2. An appreciation of the relationship between contemporary theories of crime and classical sociological ideas;
3. An understanding of the relationship between crime and social divisions such as race, gender, ethnicity and age.

**Course Content:**

1. Introduction to the course
2. What is crime? An introduction to criminology
3. History of crime control and punishment
4. Theoretical perspectives in criminology I
5. Theoretical perspectives in criminology II
6. Corporate crime
7. Cyber crime
8. Architecture and crime control
9. Police and policing
10. Race and crime
11. Gender and crime
12. International perspectives on punishment, rehabilitation and retribution
13. Psychology, Sociology and Crime: Mapping the historical terrain
14. Offender profiling
15. Sexual violence
16. Crime in groups: explaining subcultures, groups and gangs
17. Mass murder, political murder and war crimes
18. Terrorism: from pathology to normality
19. Psychology in the criminal justice system
20. Course review.

**Teaching & Learning Methods:**

Lecture (1 hour per week)  
Seminar (1 hour per week)

| Formative Assessment & Feedback: | Informal feedback on seminar presentation  
Course evaluation by anonymous self completion questionnaire  
1 formative essay in Autumn term |

| Summative Assessment: | **Exam** 2 hours (50%) 2 questions out of 6  
**Essay** 1 summative essay in Spring Term (50%) 1400-1600 words  
**Deadlines**: Published in Student Handbook |

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