

BSc in Criminology and Sociology

COURSE SPECIFICATION FORM

for new course proposals and course amendments

DEPARTMENT OF: School of Law			Academic Session: Valid from 2012-13		
Course Code:	CR1013	Course Value:	1 Unit	Status:	Core
Course Title:	Criminal Justice System			Availability:	Autumn/Spring
Prerequisites:	None			Recommended:	
Co-ordinator:	Dr Leah Moyle				
Course Staff	Dr Leah Moyle, Alex Dymock				
Aims:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide students with an introduction to the criminal justice system. 2. To introduce students to key debates concerning crime, justice and punishment. 3. To provide students with an understanding of how different social groups experience the criminal justice system 				
Learning Outcomes:	<p>On successful completion of this course, students will have developed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An introductory understanding of the role, function and operation of the criminal justice process in England and Wales. 2. Critical thinking about the nature of crime and the role and effectiveness of the criminal justice system. 3. An understanding of the complex relationship between social constructions of crime and the criminal justice system 				
Course Content:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to the criminal justice system 2. Theories of punishment: Why punish? 3. Crime and criminal offences: first principles 4. Contemporary crime statistics, patterns and trends 5. Policing and the police 6. The Criminal Courts: structure and process 7. The Criminal Courts: sentencing 8. Community sentences 9. Probation 10. Prisons and prisoners 11. Violent crime 12. Property and volume crime 13. White collar, corporate and hi-tech crime 14. Drugs and alcohol 15. Mental disorder and crime 16. Youth, crime and justice I: History of youth justice and welfare/punishment debate 17. Youth, crime and justice II: Current legislation and criminal justice provisions 18. Victims and the criminal justice system 19. Restorative justice 20. Course review 				
Teaching & Learning Methods:	<p>Lecture (1 hour per week) Seminar (1 hour per week) - work includes small group discussion and group presentations.</p>				

Key Bibliography:	<p>*Cavadino, M. and Dignan, J. (2007) <i>The Penal System</i>, Fourth Edition, London: Sage.</p> <p>*Davies, M. Croall, H. and Tyrer, J. (2005) <i>Criminal Justice</i>, Third Edition, London: Longman.</p> <p>Goldson, B. and Muncie, J. (2006) <i>Youth Crime and Justice</i>, London: Sage.</p> <p>*Maguire, M. Morgan, R. and Reiner, R. (2007) <i>The Oxford Handbook of Criminology</i>, Fourth Edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>*Newburn, T (2008) <i>Criminology</i>, Cullompton, Devon: Willan</p> <p>* Recommended for purchase</p>
Formative Assessment & Feedback:	<p>Students will complete 1 formative essay (1400-1600 words)</p> <p>Advice about seminar presentations.</p> <p>Course evaluated by anonymous self-completion questionnaire</p>
Summative Assessment:	<p>Exam: (50%) (2 hours)</p> <p>Coursework: (50%) 1 essay 1400-1600 words.</p> <p>Deadlines: TBA</p>

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