

COURSE SPECIFICATION FORM
for new course proposals and course amendments

Department/School:	School of Law	With effect from Academic Session:	Valid from January 2013
Course Title:	Crime and the Media	Course Value: (UG courses = unit value, PG courses = notional learning hours)	0.5
Course Code:	CR3005	Course JACS Code: (Please contact Data Management for advice)	L310
Availability: (Please state which teaching terms)	Spring	Status: (i.e.: Core, Core PR, Compulsory, Optional)	Option, 3 rd yr
Pre-requisites:	N/A	Co-requisites:	N/A
Co-ordinator:	Alex Dymock		
Course Staff:	Alex Dymock		
Aims:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable students to understand and think critically about how crime-news is produced • To deepen students' understanding of criminological theory and concepts, particularly as they relate to the role of the mass media in shaping public attitudes and government policy 		
Learning Outcomes:	<p>The unit will enable students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse and theorise the representation of offenders, victims, and law-enforcers in the mass media • Understand the role of news sources and news values in producing crime-news • Develop their knowledge of social research methods and analytical skills • Assess current debates within the field (about, for example, the relevance of moral panic theory, the CS/ effect, the proliferation of 'crime legends', and the extent of cybercrime) 		
Course Content:	<p>Week 1: Introduction to the unit Week 2: Terrorism in the news Week 3: Sexual violence in the news Week 4: Moral Panics Week 5: Studying the Media</p> <p>Week 7: Detective-Work in the Media: from Christie to CS/ Week 8: Passing Judgement: Trial Movies and the Televised Megatrial Week 9: Crime Legends Week 10: Cybercrime Week 11: Recap/Revision</p>		
Teaching & Learning Methods:	Each week: an hour-long lecture and an hour-long seminar. Selected lectures will be longer to allow for clips from films and television programmes to be screened.		
Details of teaching resources on Moodle:	The Moodle page contains the following resources: Unit outline, assignment details, seminar handouts, lecture slides, and extracts from core readings.		
Key Bibliography:	<p>Carrabine, E. (2008) <i>Crime, Culture, and the Media</i>. London: Polity.</p> <p>Greer, C. (2009) <i>Crime and Media: A Reader</i>. London: Routledge.</p> <p>Jewkes, Y. (2004) <i>Media and Crime: A Critical Introduction</i>. London: Sage.</p> <p>Mason, P. (2003) <i>Criminal Visions: Media Representations of Crime and Justice</i>. Willan.</p>		
Formative Assessment &	N/A		

Feedback:	
Summative Assessment:	Coursework: Practical exercise (2000-2500 words) – 50% Two hour exam (2 questions out of 6) – 50% Deadlines: tbc

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