

Overview

Programme Code	30292
Programme Title	Criminal Justice
Awarding Institution	Liverpool John Moores University
Programme Type	Masters
Language of Programme	All LJMU programmes are delivered and assessed in English
Programme Leader	Helena Gosling
Link Tutor(s)	

Awards

Award Type	Award Description	Award Learning Outcomes
Target Award	Master of Arts - MA	See Learning Outcomes Below
Alternative Exit	Postgraduate Diploma - PD	<p>Demonstrate critical awareness of the professions and agencies that have an influence over criminal justice in practice, and the origins, nature and extent of their influence (PGDip Criminal Justice)</p> <p>Demonstrate a critical understanding of the research methodologies and methods used in the analysis of criminal justice (PGDip Criminal Justice and PGDip International Criminal Justice)</p> <p>Develop, through the option modules, a more in-depth knowledge and understanding of particular issues relating to criminal justice, both in England and Wales and elsewhere (PGDip Criminal Justice and PGDip International Criminal Justice)</p> <p>Demonstrate the ability to apply critically academic perspectives to a criminal justice issue (PGDip Criminal Justice and PGDip International Criminal Justice)</p> <p>Demonstrate a critical understanding of sources of data about criminal justice (PGDip Criminal Justice and PGDip International Criminal Justice)</p> <p>Demonstrate a critical awareness of theoretical and practical issues which affect criminal justice on an international level (PGDip International Criminal Justice)</p> <p>Demonstrate a critical understanding of sources of data about criminal justice internationally (PGDip International Criminal Justice)</p>
Alternative Exit	Postgraduate Certificate - PC	<p>Demonstrate critical awareness of the professions and agencies that have an influence over criminal justice in practice, and the origins, nature and extent of their influence (PGCert Criminal Justice).</p> <p>Demonstrate a critical understanding of the research methodologies and methods used in the analysis of criminal justice (PGCert Criminal Justice and PGCert International Criminal Justice)</p> <p>Demonstrate a critical understanding of sources of data about criminal justice in England and Wales (PGCert Criminal Justice)</p>

Alternate Award Names

External Benchmarks

Subject Benchmark Statement

PGT-Criminology (2022)

Programme Offering(s)

Mode of Study, Mode of Delivery	Intake Month	Teaching Institution	Programme Length
Full-Time, Face to Face	September	LJMU Taught	1 Years

Aims and Outcomes

Educational Aims of the Programme

1. Enable students to develop a critical appreciation and understanding of the workings of the criminal justice system, and of the values and theories that underpin its operation. The design of the core and option modules has been shaped by the need to continually explore key theories, concepts, and policy developments in criminal justice.
2. Enable students to develop an understanding not only of the diverse range of contemporary concerns the criminal justice system is charged with responding to, but also of the social and political influences that shape the development of these issues.
3. Enable students, through the delivery of a range of modules, to develop a command and critical appreciation of current research and advanced scholarship in criminal justice and to show originality in the application of their knowledge of criminal justice.
4. Enable students, through the examination of issues which are at the forefront of criminal justice, to enhance the knowledge and skills of professional practitioners, as well as enhancing the skills of graduate students.
5. Enable students to attain a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to their own research or advanced scholarship in the field of criminal justice, by using a range of research methods, improving their understanding of research design, and enabling the completion of a substantial research project in a chosen area of crime or criminal justice.

Learning Outcomes

Code	Description
PLO1	Demonstrate critical awareness of the professions and agencies that have an influence over criminal justice in practice, and the origins, nature and extent of their influence.
PLO2	Critically evaluate discriminatory practice in the criminal justice process and the causes of miscarriages of justice.
PLO3	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the research methodologies and methods used in the analysis of criminal justice
PLO4	Demonstrate a critical understanding of sources of data about criminal justice.
PLO5	Demonstrate the ability to apply critically academic perspectives to a criminal justice issue.
PLO6	Construct a sustained and coherent assignment and show an ability to apply appropriate research methods.
PLO7	Develop, through the option modules, a more in-depth knowledge and understanding of particular issues relating to criminal justice, both in England and Wales and elsewhere.

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PLO8	Show an understanding of how the boundaries of knowledge are extended through academic research in the dissertation, which forms an in-depth critical exposition in an agreed area of criminal justice, based on primary or secondary data.
PLO9	Show sensitivity to values and interests - to identify and take account of normative and moral positions.
PLO10	Show sensitivity to diversity issues and competing interests in criminal justice practice
PLO11	Demonstrate the capacity to work independently and with others to professional standards, and display higher skill levels in the subject areas.
PLO12	Select effective information collection methods and use the most appropriate analytical tools.
PLO13	Apply the most appropriate methods of data analysis (quantitative, qualitative, mixed-approach) to a practical issue or problem within the context of criminal justice.
PLO14	Collaborate and co-operate in working with others to investigate questions or issues relating to criminal justice.
PLO15	Demonstrate and apply knowledge and critical analysis specifically relating to the international dimension of criminal justice (this learning outcome is for students taking the MA International Criminal Justice pathway only)

Programme Structure

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To qualify for the alternative exit award of PGCert Criminal Justice, students must successfully complete the modules 7042LAWCJ and 7043LAWCJ. To qualify for the alternative exit award of PGDip Criminal Justice, students must successfully complete the core modules 7042LAWCJ and 7043LAWCJ, plus three 20-credit optional modules from those available on the programme. To qualify for the award of an MA in Criminal Justice students are required to successfully complete and obtain the credits of the two 30-credit Core taught modules, 7042LAWCJ and 7043LAWCJ; the one 60-credit Core Dissertation Module, 7041LAWCJ; and three 20-credit Option modules. To qualify for the award of an MA in International Criminal Justice, students are required to successfully complete and obtain the credits of the two 30-credit Core taught modules; the 60-credit Core International Dissertation module, 7050LAWCJ (where the pre-agreed topic chosen for the dissertation is International in its focus as agreed by the teaching team at the stage of drawing up a research proposal in the December before the September dissertation submission); and three 20-credit Option modules where at least two must be from internationally orientated modules - 7045LAWCJ Political Violence, Victims and Justice; 7048LAWCJ The UN, International Security and Global Justice; 7049LAWCJ Contemporary Issues in International Criminal Justice; 7106PS International and Transnational Policing; and 7107PS Transnational Organised Crime. Optional modules' availability is dependent on their viability in each academic year, in terms of staff resources and student numbers. All students must take either the Dissertation module (7041LAWCJ), which leads to the award of MA Criminal Justice, or the International Dissertation module (7050LAWCJ), which leads to the award of MA International Criminal Justice.

Programme Structure - 180 credit points	
Level 7 - 180 credit points	
Level 7 Core - 60 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] 7042LAWCJ Researching Crime and Criminal Justice Approved 2022.01 - 30 credit points	
[MODULE] 7043LAWCJ Key Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice Approved 2022.02 - 30 credit points	
Level 7 Optional - 120 credit points	OPTIONAL
[MODULE] 7003LAWPL Sex, Crime and Society Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7041LAWCJ Research Dissertation Approved 2022.02 - 60 credit points	
[MODULE] 7044LAWCJ Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7045LAWCJ Advanced Critical Criminology Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7046LAWCJ Delivering Rehabilitation Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7047LAWCJ Youth Justice Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7048LAWCJ The United Nations, International Security and Global Justice Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7049LAWCJ Contemporary Issues in International Criminal Justice Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7050LAWCJ International Dissertation Approved 2022.01 - 60 credit points	
[MODULE] 7051LAWCJ The Police, Policing and the Governance of Security Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7106PS International and Transnational Policing Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7107PS Transnational Organised Crime Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	

Module specifications may be accessed at <https://proformas.ljmu.ac.uk/Default.aspx>

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Appropriate knowledge and understanding is sought to be attained through a curriculum that has interesting, engaging and relevant subject material in the core areas of study. The provision of a range of option modules will enable the students to pursue their interests in specific areas of crime and criminal justice and apply their learning in greater depth. The dissertation module facilitates advanced independent investigation and critical application of existing knowledge. Assessment methods are specified in each module guide. The modules will be assessed through coursework (assignments of varying lengths) and a mixture of individual and group presentations. All forms of assessment will require students to demonstrate an advanced level of relevant knowledge and understanding of the stated learning outcomes. Intellectual skills are developed through supported learning materials, lectures, tutorial support and seminar preparation. Intellectual skills are assessed in all forms of assessment (specified in the assessment schedule). A variety of assessment methods are used including essays, projects, portfolios and presentations. Courseworks will generally and specifically seek to develop transferable practical skills. Workshops and coursework preparation will require a degree of personal responsibility, effective communication, and successful time management. Preparation and group interaction in the production of seminars and workshops. Formative and summative assessments in written and communication skills. Transferable skills are an essential part of the activities throughout the programme. Transferable skills are assessed in the various assessment processes and coursework. Priority is also given to the assessment of skills in tutorials and workshop presentations.

Opportunities for work related learning

The programme has been designed to reflect the changing demands of law enforcement, and the understanding of crime, both nationally and internationally. Students will be encouraged to apply and develop this knowledge and understanding, particularly in the dissertation, which can be work-based. Professionals in the field of criminal justice are used to provide 'guest' lectures, especially in modules 7044LAWCJ, 7045LAWCJ and 7046LAWCJ, in order to provide students with the opportunity to discuss practice issues. Additional employability teaching content will be delivered as part of module 7043LAWCJ (Key Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice).

Entry Requirements

Type	Description
Undergraduate degree	a minimum 2:2 ideally in Criminal Justice, Criminology, Sociology, Law or related Social Science and Humanities subjects
RPL	RPL is accepted on this programme
Other international requirements	International students entering on a Student visa cannot study part-time
Alternative qualifications considered	to demonstrate a comparable academic standard through past studies and/or where work experience plus a genuine enthusiasm to study issues related to the organisation and delivery of criminal justice

IELTS	IELTS 6.5 (Minimum of 5.5 in each component)
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Extra Entry Requirements