

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:	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:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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:	<p>On successful completion of this course, students will have developed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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:	<p>Lecture (1 hour per week)</p> <p>Seminar (1 hour per week)</p>				

Key Bibliography:	<p>Coleman, C., and Norris, C. (2000) <i>Introducing Criminology</i>. Cullompton: Willan.</p> <p>Davies, M., Croall, H. and Tyrer, J. (2005) <i>Criminal Justice</i>. Third Edition. Harlow: Longman.</p> <p>Emsley, C. (2004) <i>Crime and Society in England 1750-1900</i>. Third Edition. Harlow: Longman.</p> <p>Hopkins Burke, R. (2005) <i>An Introduction to Criminological Theory</i>. Cullompton: Willan.</p> <p>Newburn, T. (2000) <i>Criminology</i>, Cullompton, Willan.</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>Tierney, J. (2005) <i>Criminology – Theory and Context</i>. Second Edition. Harlow: Longman.</p> <p>Brewer, N., Kipling, D. and Williams, (eds) (2005) <i>Psychology and the Law: An Empirical Perspective</i>. London: Guildford Press.</p> <p>Brown, C. (2006) <i>Social Psychology</i>, London: Sage.</p> <p>Davies, G.M. and Dalgleish, T. (eds.) (2005) <i>Recovered Memories: Seeking the Middle Ground</i>. Chichester: Wiley.</p> <p>Davies, G.M. and Westcott, H.L. (1999) <i>Interviewing Child Witnesses under the Memorandum of Good Practice: A Research Review</i>. Police Research Series: Paper 115</p> <p>Dostoyevsky, F. (2007) <i>Crime and Punishment</i>, Harmondsworth: Penguin Modern Classics.</p>
Formative Assessment & Feedback:	<p>Informal feedback on seminar presentation</p> <p>Course evaluation by anonymous self completion questionnaire</p> <p>1 formative essay in Autumn term</p>
Summative Assessment:	<p>Exam 2 hours (50%)</p> <p>Essay 1 summative essay in Spring Term (50%) 1400-1600 words</p> <p>Deadlines: Published in Student Handbook</p>

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