Criminology

Contemporary Issues in Criminology

10239 (Examination)

10240 (Alternative Assessment)

GRADED

ACADEMIC SUBJECT CONTENT

Credit Value of Unit 6

GLH of Unit 60

Level of Unit 3

Learning Outcomes

The student should be able to

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<td>1 Understand key criminological concepts and apply them to two topic areas</td>
<td>1.1 Explain key concepts specifically relevant to criminological issues</td>
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<td>1.2 Apply criminological knowledge to at least two practical issues in today’s society</td>
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<td>2 Understand how a range of criminological approaches/perspectives/theories relate to criminological issues in at least two topic areas</td>
<td>2.1 Evaluate the application of a range of criminological approaches/perspectives/theories to criminological issues</td>
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Assessment Methodology

A formal unseen two-hour written examination

Grading of this unit

The following grade descriptors will be applied to the assessment of this unit:

1. Understanding of the subject
2. Application of Knowledge
4. Use of Information
5. Communication and Presentation
6. Autonomy and/or Independence
7. Quality

Please refer to the QAA Grade Descriptors for detail of the components of each descriptor

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Indicative Content

Students will be provided with opportunities to learn about topic areas chosen from the following:

A: Homicide/Violent Crime
B: Victimology,
C: Characteristics of Offenders (gender/age/mental disorder/race)
D: Criminal Justice, Policy and Practice,
E: Urban and Rural Crime, Crime Prevention,
F: The Role of the Media,
G: Issues in Policing and Social Control,
H: Law and the State

It is expected that answers will contain both historical studies and current work in the chosen topic areas as appropriate.

A: Homicide/Violent Crime/

The contribution criminology can make to:

Understanding different kinds of homicide (e.g. unlawful killing, intimate partner homicide, infanticide, serial killing )

Understanding a range of violent crimes (e.g. terrorism, domestic violence, football hooliganism, knife crime, gun crime)

B: Victimology

The contribution criminology can make to:

Understanding the needs and concerns of victims of crime

A knowledge of how victims of crime are dealt with in the criminal justice system

The concept of Restorative Justice

C: Characteristics of Offenders

The contribution criminology can make to:

Understanding the concept of ‘institutional discrimination’.

Understanding how characteristics such as age/gender/race/mental disorder can affect an individual’s experience of the criminal justice system

Understanding how characteristics such as age/gender/race/mental disorder may affect an individual’s propensity to crime

D: Criminal Justice, Policy and Practice,

The contribution criminology can make to:

Different approaches to dealing with offenders in the criminal justice system (e.g. imprisonment, community service, probation, restorative justice)
E: Urban and Rural Crime, Crime Prevention
The contribution criminology can make to:

Different incidences of crime in urban and rural environments
Different approaches to crime prevention (e.g. situational, displacement theory, reduction of rewards, target hardening)

F: The Role of the Media
The contribution criminology can make to:

Identifying the ways in which the media can distort perceptions of crime and criminals
Identifying how the media may affect criminal outcomes
Understanding how exposure to violence in the media may affect aggressive and violent behaviour

G: Issues in Policing and Social Control
The contribution criminology can make to:

Describing policing in the UK in the 20th and 21st Centuries
Understanding the issues involved in the implementation of imprisonment in the United Kingdom
Evaluating the factors involved in police accountability

F Law and the State
The contribution criminology can make to:

Understanding State crime
Understanding power issues within the State
Understanding the role of the ‘ruling class’
Understanding how white collar and corporate crime are dealt with compared to street crime
Understanding how/why laws are created

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