Criminology and Criminal Psychology Thesis

Module Code: CCPT  
NQF level: 7  
Credit Value: 60  
Study duration: 36 weeks

**Module description:**
This module provides students with an opportunity to conduct an original research project on a topic of interest, aligned to a relevant area within criminology or criminal psychology. Students will submit a research proposal and this proposal will be used to identify an appropriate member of staff to act as the student's supervisor. The module is 36 weeks in duration and by the end of the module successful students will have produced a piece of research whether this be by primary or secondary methodologies, which will be commensurate of a masters level piece of independent work.

This module aims to:
- provide a critical piece of research within an appropriate subject area.
- develop skills to operate as a competent researcher who collects, examines and presents information to a professional level in an effective, accurate and ethical manner.
- develop and evidence appropriate analytical skills suitable for academic research.

**Learning outcomes**
On completion of this module, students will be able to:
- identify a suitable research topic within the context of Criminology and/or Criminal Psychology.
- write a convincing research proposal appropriate for postgraduate research.
- evidence competence in research retrieval, evidence synthesis and presentation
- carry out a focused critical and analytical reading and synthesis of accessed information on the topic.
- systematically structure and effectively present in written form a synthesis of accessed information relevant to the research topic.

**Supervision**
This module is research based and as a result students will not receive a taught syllabus. Rather students will be provided with a thesis supervisor who will guide the student throughout the duration of their thesis. Students can expect to have up to six hours of one to one supervision, which will be conducted through an online meeting room. In addition, students will also be able to access supervisor support via phone and email.

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