

Module title: Crime and Society

Module code:	CAS	NQF level:	Level 4
Credit value:	15 credits	Study duration:	9 weeks

Module description

The objective of this module is to introduce students to a number of specific types and categories of crime and to several key indicative defences to a criminal offence in addition students will be made aware of criminal liability and the key definitions associated with criminality.

Aims

- Explore the social and economic effects of criminal behaviour upon local communities and the state
- Explore factors which influence criminal behaviour, including substance abuse, common causes of anti-social behaviour and selected case studies
- Introduce students to criminal liability and criminal defences

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Identify and evaluate the key issues associated with the social contexts of crime, including substance misuse and anti-social behaviour
- Recognise the key issues involved in any relaxation of the current laws relating to particular types of criminal activity, for example substance abuse
- Appreciate and assess the consequences of crime on local and regional communities, businesses and organisations and the state

Syllabus

- Crime and Statistics
- Crimes of 'Everyday Life'
- Crime and Substance Misuse
- Violence - Causes and Responses
- Sexual Offences and Social Responses

Learning and teaching methods

Teaching will be delivered through the provision of specified reading materials that will be provided on the UoEO Learning Platform, and will be supported by specified discussion forums, pre-recorded lecturecasts and biweekly online question and answer sessions (using synchronous communication software and application sharing facility). Students will be provided with indicative guidance on, and encouraged to look at relevant websites which are appropriate to the learning outcomes, and to identify and share appropriate web-based resources (as learning support references) with their fellow students. The pre-recorded lecturecasts and the online question and answer sessions will include referenced use of selected case studies which will be drawn from the reading materials and the practice-based and professional/educational contexts and experience of the Tutors. Self-managed learning will supplement lectures and students will be given direction on required and indicative reading.

Assessment

Description of unit of assessment	Length / Duration	Submission Date	Weighting
2 x Assessed discussion activities	2 weeks	Unit 3 & Unit 7	20%
Mid Module Assignment	1500-2000 words	Unit 5	30%
End of Module Assignment	1500-2000 words	End of module	30%
Reflective report	1500-2000 words	End of module	20%