

Module title: Justice and Punishment

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

Module description

This module is designed to explore the historical antecedents of the present penal and legal systems and explain the theoretical underpinnings of the concepts of justice and punishment. It is also important to develop an understanding of punishment and possible alternatives that could also promote justice within society.

Aims

- Explore the purposes of sentencing
- Examine and compare the different philosophies and approaches to justice and punishment
- Outline the development of our legal system
- Outline the different forms of punishment used in the UK today

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Understand the development of the English legal and penal system
- Evaluate the effectiveness of punishment
- Compare the different practical types of punishment in use today
- Understand the purposes of sentences and the philosophies and theory behind this

Syllabus

- The historical development of the English Legal System
- The UK and international law
- Justifications for sentences
- Sentencing and early release
- Sentences in use today
- Effectiveness of Punishment

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%