

Module title: Criminal Investigation

Module code:	CI	NQF level:	Level 5
Credit value:	15 credits	Study duration:	9 weeks

Module description

This module is taught by retired Senior Police Officers who outline how the structure of investigations has changed over time following high profile miscarriages of justice. The module additionally explores the diverse range of other investigating agencies such as: the military, government departments and local authorities.

Aims

- Explore the different stages of an investigation
- Examine how the National Intelligence Model is applicable to investigators
- Explore the resources and support available to investigators
- Outline the role of criminal investigation in policing

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Define, describe and critically assess an investigation in accordance with current national standards
- Identify and critically evaluate objects and locations capable of being crime scenes
- Identify the need for individual strategies in key areas of an investigation such as treatment of witnesses and suspects
- Understand the reasons for the failure of cases and critically assess if developments in the legal and investigative framework will be effective in preventing this

Syllabus

- Introduction to Investigation
- The development of investigative practice
- Criminal law and the influence of policy
- The techniques of investigation
- Investigative decision making
- The supervision of criminal investigation

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%