

Module title: Risk Assessment and Management

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

Module description

This module provides students with a detailed overview of risk assessment and management and its implications to variety of roles within the criminal justice system. Throughout this module students will be introduced to a variety of topics surrounding risk including: assessment, management, legality and decision making.

Aims

- Examine a range of definitions of risk
- Explore the importance of assessment and communication in risk management
- Consider some of the principal assessment tools used to identify risk in the criminal justice setting
- Explore some of the ways that risks are managed in the criminal justice setting
- Consider the growing problems caused by a risk-averse society

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Articulate what is meant by risk from a number of perspectives
- Evaluate a number of key assessment tools used to assess risk
- Understand the legal concepts relevant to risk
- Identify key issues related to risk decision and policy-making
- Assess the social and economic consequences of crime policies based on risk aversion

Syllabus

- The Language of Risk
- Mapping Risk
- Assessing Risk
- Risk Assessment Tools
- Managing and Communicating Risk
- Avoiding Problems in Risk Procedures and Decision-making
- Legal Considerations for Risk Decision-makers

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%