Substance Misuse and Crime

This module aims to:

- Ensure students recognise the breadth of legislation designed to address the issue of drugs and crime
- Recognise the key elements of the legislation relating to this issue
- Develop an awareness of the size of the problems related to substance misuse
- Identify and critically assess the key agencies that assist with these issues

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module, students will be able to:

- identify the key pieces of legislation
- recognise the types of crime affected by substance misuse
- understand and critically evaluate the role of those agencies primarily responsible for the implementation of Government Policy relating to substance misuse
- identify and critically evaluate the effectiveness of key facets of the legislation

Syllabus

- Considering the problem
- Criminological theory
- Sentencing drug offenders
- Compulsory treatment
- The Drug Rehabilitation Requirement (DRR)
- Drug trafficking and laundering
- Policing drugs
- Investigating drug crime
- Gender and drug misuse
- Changes in policy and practice

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Learning and teaching methods

The learning and teaching methods for the module follow the intended online delivery strategy for the programme as a whole. The module will be delivered through the provision of specified reading materials on the virtual learning platform, which shall be supported by specified discussion forums and lecturecasts, and tutor support will be available to students via phone, email, and a fortnightly synchronous question and answer (Q&A) session.

Students will be provided with indicative guidance on, and encouraged to look at, relevant websites which are appropriate to the module, and to identify and share appropriate web-based resources as learning support references with their fellow students and as indicators of their individual learning contexts with their tutors. The live lectures will include referenced use of selected case studies which will be drawn from the reading materials/web-based module learning resources and the practice-based and professional/educational contexts and experience of the tutors. At pre-arranged and regularly agreed points, on specified days and times in advance of each lecture (typically two to three days prior to the lecture) there will be a ‘drop in’ telephone or online preparatory learning liaison session conducted between the student(s) and tutor, typically lasting for 20 to 30 minutes. These sessions are designed to provide students with an introductory preview of the week’s work and give them an opportunity to ask specific and general questions related to that week’s learning opportunities and to enable them to contextualise their learning experience. Self-managed learning will supplement lectures and students are given weekly direction on required and indicative reading.

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