

Module title: Criminal Justice Project (Dissertation)

Module code:	CJP	NQF level:	Level 6
Credit value:	30 credits	Study duration:	18 weeks

Module description

Throughout this dissertation module students will undertake an independent piece of criminological research that is selected by the student.

Aims

- To provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their capacity for sustained individual research
- To teach students how to generate research ideas then turn them into projects
- To teach students how to write an academic research paper
- Provide students with an in depth knowledge of research ethics

Learning outcomes

- On completion of this module students will be able to:
- Plan and undertake an academic research project
- Apply qualitative and/ or quantitative research methods
- Study independently using their own initiative
- Display an in depth understanding of a specific subject area
- Demonstrate a level of academic writing suitable for research

Syllabus

- Introduction to Research
- Literature Review
- Research/ Ethics Proposal
- Research Design
- Analysis of Data
- Communicating Research Ideas
- Independent Research Activities

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
Research Proposal	1500-2000 words	Unit 4	20%
Literature Review	1500-2000 words	Unit 6	10%
Learning Statement	600-1000 words	Unit 18	10%
Dissertation	5000-7500 words	Unit 18	60%