

# BSc in Criminology and Sociology

## COURSE SPECIFICATION FORM

*for new course proposals and course amendments*

<b>DEPARTMENT OF:</b> School of Law			<b>Academic Session:</b> valid from 2009/10		
<b>Course Code:</b>	CR2013	<b>Course Value:</b>	1 Unit	<b>Status:</b> <i>(ie:Core, or Optional)</i>	Core
<b>Course Title:</b>	Key Perspectives and Debates in Criminology		<b>Availability:</b> <i>(state which teaching terms)</i>	Autumn/Spring	
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Year 1 core programme		<b>Recommended:</b>		
<b>Co-ordinator:</b>	Professor David Denney				
<b>Course Staff</b>	TBA				
<b>Aims:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To build upon and expand the understanding of basic ideas in Introduction to Criminology in Year One.</li> <li>2. To develop a critical understanding of some of the main currents in criminological thinking.</li> <li>3. To introduce some contemporary debates in criminology relating to modernity and post modern analyses in the aftermath of 9/11.</li> </ol>				
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>On successful completion of this course, students will have developed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An understanding of the value of the relationship between legal, biological, psychological and sociological explanations of crime.</li> <li>2. An appreciation of the development of criminology as a discipline.</li> <li>3. Knowledge of attempts to understand and explain crime from the standpoint of disciplines such as psychology, sociology and biology.</li> <li>4. An ability to examine crime with respect to the politics of risk and anxiety.</li> </ol>				
<b>Course Content:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview – theoretical perspectives on crime.</li> <li>2. Development of criminal justice policy.</li> <li>3. Classical criminology.</li> <li>4. Conservative criminology and populism.</li> <li>5. Labelling theories.</li> <li>6. Conflict and radical theories.</li> <li>7. Socio-biological approaches to crime.</li> <li>8. Social control theories.</li> <li>9. Left realism.</li> <li>10. The risk society, crime and fear.</li> <li>11. The governance of security.</li> <li>12. Community safety.</li> <li>13. Organised crime and terrorism.</li> <li>14. Discrimination in the criminal justice system.</li> <li>15. Sanity, madness and crime.</li> <li>16. Victims of crime.</li> <li>17. Theories of incarceration.</li> <li>18. Comparative perspectives.</li> <li>19. Politics of law and order into the millennium.</li> </ol>				

	20. Course review.
<b>Teaching &amp; Learning Methods:</b>	Lecture (1 hour per week) Seminar (1 hour per week)
<b>Key Bibliography:</b>	<p>*Crawford, A. (ed.) (2002) <i>Crime and Insecurity: the Governance of Safety across Europe</i>. Cullompton: Willan.</p> <p>Denney, D. (2005) <i>Risk and Society</i>. London: Sage.</p> <p>Hopkins Burke, R. (2005) <i>Introduction to Criminology</i>. Second Edition. Cullompton: Willan.</p> <p>*Hudson, B. (2003) <i>Justice and the Risk Society</i>. London: Sage.</p> <p>Maguire, M., Morgan, R. and Reiner, R. (2007) <i>The Oxford Handbook of Criminology</i>. Fourth Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>*Peelo, M. and Sothill, K. (2005) <i>Questioning Crime and Criminology</i>. Cullompton: Willan.</p> <p>*Recommended for purchase</p>
<b>Formative Assessment &amp; Feedback:</b>	<p>Students will complete 2 formative essays (1,500 words each)</p> <p>Feedback on seminar presentations</p> <p>Course evaluated by anonymous self-completion questionnaire</p>
<b>Summative Assessment:</b>	<p><b>Exam</b> (100%) (3 hours) – three questions out of twelve</p> <p><b>Deadlines:</b> TBA</p>

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