

ISS9CJ- Crime and Justice in Scotland: The Criminal in Scottish Society

Aims and Structure of Module

This module is designed to introduce students to the subject of Criminology through the lens of the Scottish Criminal Justice System. The module begins with an overview of the Scottish Criminal Justice System before examining the major avenues by which the public obtain information about crime – as victims of crime and from the media and official statistics. The module examines the processes that have developed our definitions of crime and the broader social and political context in which this crime occurs. In addition to this, the course provides the opportunity for students to engage in discussion with a Scottish Prison Service Warden, allowing a deeper understanding of punishment in Scotland and the incarceration of offenders.

Learning Outcomes

- Understand the structure of the Scottish Criminal Justice System
- Understand the social construction of crime and deviance
- Understand how crime is represented through different sources
- Be able to relate the construction and representations of crime to wider social and political contexts in Scotland.

Transferable Skills

- Communication skills: through essay work and group work during workshops.
- Interpersonal skills: interaction within groups including listening, communicating and sensitivity to other students.
- Self-management skills: time management, applying study skills, working under pressure and meeting stated deadlines.
- Academic skills: literacy, library skills, critical and analytical analysis of theories and empirical studies, problem solving, creativity skills, IT skills*, and research skills.

Suggested Reading

Croall, H. Mooney, G. and Munro, M. (2010) *Criminal Justice in Scotland* London: Routledge.

Other Suggested Reading

- Carrabine, E., Iganski, P., Lee, M., Plummer, K and South, N. (2004) *Criminology: A sociological introduction*, London: Routledge
- Hagen, F. E. (2008) *Introduction to Criminology: Theories, Methods, and Criminal Behaviour*, London: Sage
- Hale, C., Hayward, K., Wahidin, A. and Wincup, E. (2009) *Criminology*, Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Hayward, K., Maruna, S., and Mooney, J. (2010) *Fifty Key Thinkers in Criminology*, London: Routledge
- Maguire, M., Morgan, R. and Reiner, R. (2007) *The Oxford Handbook of Criminology*, Oxford: Oxford University Press
- McLaughlin, E. and Muncie, J. (2001) *Controlling Crime*, London: Sage
- Muncie, J. and McLaughlin, E. (2001) *The Problem of Crime*, London: Sage
- Muncie, J. and McLaughlin, E. (eds) (2006) *The Sage Dictionary of Criminology*, London: Sage
- Newburn, T (2007) *Criminology*, Devon: Willan
- Walklate, S. (2003) *Understanding Criminology*, Buckingham: Open University Press
- Walklate, S. (2005) *Criminology: the basics*, London: Routledge

Useful Websites

British Society of Criminology	www.britsoccrim.org/links.htm
Centre for Crime and Justice Studies	www.crimeandjustice.org.uk
Criminal Justice Social Work (Univ of Edin)	www.cjsw.ac.uk
CJScotland	http://cjscotland.org.uk
Howard League for Penal Reform	www.howardleague.org
Justice	www.justice.org.uk
Kings College Centre for Prison Studies	www.kcl.ac.uk/depsta/rel/icps/
Liberty	www.liberty.co.uk
Prison Reform Trust	www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk
Rape Crisis	www.rapecrisis.org.uk
SACRO	www.sacro.org.uk
Scotland Against Criminalising Communities	www.sacc.org.uk
Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research	www.sccjr.ac.uk/
Scottish Executive	www.scottishexecutive.org.uk
Scottish Prison Service	www.sps.gov.uk

Key Academic Journals:

Crime Law and Social Change
Crime Media Culture
European Journal of Criminology
Journal of Law and Society
Punishment and Society
Social and Legal Studies
Social Justice
The British Journal of Criminology
The International Journal of the Sociology of Law
Theoretical Criminology

Library Materials

You will find that most of the readings are available in the library, either as online journal articles, in the RBR or in book form. If Stirling University has a current subscription to an online journal, the articles from IBSS are free of charge.

Assessment

1500 word essay 70%

Report 20%

Attendance and participation in workshops 10%

Teaching Outline:

Two one hour lectures and two one hour workshop per week. Workshops follow the themes covered in the lecture. Dates and times of lectures are to be confirmed.

Week 1

Lecture and workshop 1

Lecture and workshop 2

Introduction to the Module

What is Crime, What is Criminology?

Week 2

Lecture and workshop 3

Lecture and workshop 4

Crime Statistics

Crime and the Media

Week 3

Lecture and workshop 5

Lecture and workshop 6

Policing and the Penal System in Scotland

Criminological Theories

Week 4

Lecture and workshop 7

Lecture and workshop 8

Scotland from an International Perspective

Contemporary Issues in Scottish Criminal Justice.