

MODULE CODE: SSAP6005
TITLE: Criminology and Forensic Psychology
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LEVEL: 6

CREDITS: 20

TEACHING METHODS:	Lectures	25%
	Group Work	10%
	Directed Learning	65%

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AIM(S)

- To enable students to develop a psychological understanding of criminality, criminal investigations and the complexity of the impact of crime.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this module students should be able to:

- reflect critically on historical and contemporary theory regarding explanations of criminality;
- demonstrate a critical understanding of the contribution of forensic psychology to evidence-based practice relating to the investigation of crime;
- demonstrate an ability to critically apply psychological theory to the processes involved in judicial contexts;
- critically appraise psychological theory and practice that underpins practitioner's attempts to identify and respond effectively to a range of criminal populations;
- organise their knowledge and learning through the use of information resources and present their work appropriately.

CONTENT

- Examination of understandings and proposed causes of criminality.
- Consideration of the complex ethical and moral issues inherent in the field of forensic psychology.
- Exploration of the contribution of psychology to the investigation of crime.
- Examination of the psychological processes underpinning behaviour and decision-making in judicial contexts.
- Exploration of the theory and empirical evidence that identifies different criminal populations and guides psychological interventions.

ASSESSMENT

Course Work	50%
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Critical Review (3000 words)

Examination**50%**

One paper (2½ hours)

Exemplar critical review: Critically discuss opportunities and limitations regarding psychological intervention with two population groups within the criminal justice system.