

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY		
MODULE CODE	PS2800 (L5)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / 10 ECTS
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF SCIENCES		

MODULE AIMS

The aim of this module is to provide a reasonably comprehensive introduction to a number of areas of crime and the criminal justice system that psychologists have addressed and sought to understand.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

1. Psychology of Evidence I (Eyewitness Testimony)
2. Psychology of Evidence II (False Confessions/Memories)
3. Attributions of Offenders
4. Family Violence: Hidden Victims (Sibling Violence; Elder Abuse)
5. Dangerous Offenders (Arsonists & Pyromaniacs; Assessing 'Dangerousness')
6. Psychopaths
7. Sex Offending
8. Cybersex Exploitation
9. Offender Profiling
10. Working with victims of crime
11. Working with Offenders: Probation Service
12. Working with Young Offenders

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Describe and discuss how psychological theory, data and practice have informed or influenced a wide range of forensic topics and issues.
2. Discuss and critically evaluate important issues in forensic psychology.

TEACHING METHODS

The module consists of lectures and seminars. The lectures highlight the main theoretical and empirical issues and findings and direct the students' reading. Seminars provide an opportunity to examine topics in more detail.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a written examination and an essay.