

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	Personal Attributes of Offenders and Victims		
MODULE CODE	PS4802 (L7)	CREDIT VALUE	15 / 7.5 ECTS
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF SCIENCE		

MODULE AIMS

This module aims to:

1. Explore psychological theories of criminal behaviour, building upon undergraduate knowledge of the core psychological disciplines (social, cognitive, individual differences and biological/neuropsychological).
2. Identify psychological theories of offending and victimology.
3. Demonstrate skills in independent learning and critical analysis appropriate to postgraduate study.
4. Develop students' skills in conducting appropriate literature searches and reviews.

MODULE CONTENT

Personal attributes of offenders and victims.
 The role of victims and victimology.
 Theories of offending.
 The drug-crime connection.
 domestic violence.
 Acquisitive offenders.
 Offending across the lifespan.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Select and interpret primary sources and integrate these to provide informed analysis of the contribution that psychology can make to the understanding of both offender and/or victim.
2. Demonstrate skills in independent learning and critical analysis appropriate to postgraduate study.
3. Locate, synthesize and evaluate the relevant research literature in depth, on a specific aspect of offending or victimisation.

TEACHING METHODS

The module will be taught via formal lectures and seminars. The lectures will provide details of the theories behind personal attributes of offenders, whilst the seminars will enable students to examine particular concepts in more depth and allow an opportunity for discussion of relevant issues.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an essay (50%) and an examination (50%).