

Module Title:	COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICING
Date of Approval	November 2011
Module Code	7CJ501
Pre-requisite	None
Module Level	7
Credit value	20
Total Number of Learning Hours	200
Key Words	Criminal investigation across the world, policing methods in different countries, systems of criminal justice in different countries
Module Delivery Mode	Blended / Face to Face

Module Description

The study of diverse criminal justice systems and their agencies of social control has taken on an essential role in establishing which policing, investigation, justice deterrents and correction systems methods are most 'effective'. This module presents a comprehensive analysis of how various criminal justice systems throughout the world compares and contrasts effective methods with those proven as less than adequate. By using a topical approach (examining various aspects of each system, such as policing, drugs, and sentencing, the module gives students a realistic understanding of the similarities and differences of various systems throughout the world by providing specific examples and explores historical, political, economic, social, and cultural influences on each system.

The module reveals the differences in the roles of criminal justice actors and ways of investigating, handling and controlling problems of crime and dispensing justice. There is also discussion of such key issues as how we can learn from other jurisdictions, compare 'like with like', and balance explanation with understanding – for example, in making sense of national differences in crime and conviction rates. Careful attention is given to the question of how far globalisation challenges traditional ways of comparing countries.

Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

1. Critically analyse and evaluate the approach taken by different countries towards policing, investigation and criminal justice
2. Critically analyse police responses to organised crime

3. Critically analyse sentencing and penal regimes taken by different countries

Module Content

- Measuring and comparing crime in and across nations
- Prosecution and pre-trial justice systems throughout the world
- Systems of trial and legal procedure throughout the world
- Understanding global trends in criminal justice
- The Changing Styles of Policing across the globe reflecting political, social, economic and technological change.
- Ethical Concerns for Modern Policing Strategies
- Ethics, Discipline, and the Behaviour of Individual Police Officers in different jurisdictions
- Control, Independence and Accountability in Policing
- Policing in the 21st Century
- Comparing Police Cultures

Module Learning and Teaching Methods

There will be a series of formal face-to-face lectures, workshops and external visits, supporting and underpinning a series of formative assessments and four summative assessments. Employability will be enhanced for students seeking to work in the public- and private-sector within the Criminal Justice system and other investigative agencies.

Lectures	36
hours	
Seminars	2
hours	
Discussion boards	2
hours	
Independent study	160
hours	
Total	200
hours	

Scheduled learning and teaching activities:	(40
hours) 20%	
Guided independent study:	(160
hours)80%	

Module Assessment

Methods: Coursework 100%

A formative assessment will take place during the first half of the module and will take the form of a written essay/report, which will help students to develop the knowledge and skills appropriate for the summative assessment. The written assignments that form the summative assessment will encompass analytical and evaluative discussion of investigative strategies. This approach will enable the student to reflect upon, critically analyse and evaluate the relevant investigative theories, in addition to demonstrating an ability to apply theory to practice.

Coursework 1 50% weighting

A peer reviewed twenty minute on-line oral presentation comparing and contrasting criminal justice systems (moderated by the module leader, equivalent to 1,500 words)

Coursework 2 50% weighting

A critical written appraisal of policing practices across jurisdictions (2,500 words).

Reading list

Key text

Aas, F. (2008) *Globalisation and Crime*. London: Sage.

Essential texts

Haberfeld, M.R. and Cerrah, I.(2008). *Comparative Policing*. London: Sage.
Mawby, R. (1999). *Policing Across the World: Issues for the Twenty-first Century*. London: Routledge.

Recommended reading

Edwards, C. J. (2005) *Changing Policing Theories for 21st Century Societies*. Sydney: Federation Press.

Lemieux, F. (Ed.) (2010). *International Police Co-operation*. Cullompton: Willan Sage