

JUST 3002 ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102068

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Description This subject will take an authoritative overview and analysis of issues of assessment, and treatment of offenders, in particular those considered to be high-risk offenders. It will take particular account of policy and legislative issues and developments at an international level and address wider issues of risk and the high-risk offender in the context of the risk society. The subject will also question the relationship between the assessment, treatment and management of such offenders, and consider who is appropriate to involve in this process. The subject will take a multi-disciplinary approach to the assessment, treatment and management of violent and sexual offenders in particular, and extend its coverage to include the issue of stalking. Issues around diversity will be considered throughout.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Justice and Law Enforcement, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Restrictions

Successful completion of 160 credit points.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Critically evaluate how offenders, in particular 'high-risk' offenders, are assessed in relation to risk posed;
2. Critically assess the associated criminogenic needs of offenders, in particular 'high-risk' offenders;
3. Critically analyse key literature associated with the assessment and treatment of offenders, in particular 'high-risk' offenders.

Subject Content

Introduction to the module and the history of risk assessments and treatment work with offenders

Working with Offenders 1: Violent Offenders - Theories of Aggression and Violence

Working with Offenders 1: Violent Offenders - Nature and Extent of Violent Crimes

Working with Offenders 2: Sex Offenders - Theories of Sexual Offending

Working with Offenders 2: Sex Offenders - Nature and Extent of Sexual Crimes

Working with Offenders 3: Inter-partner Violence and Stalking

Risk Assessment 1: Violent offenders

Risk Assessment 2: Sex offenders

Risk Assessment 3: Inter-partner Violence

Treatment Approaches for violent offenders

Treatment Approaches for sex offenders

Treatment Approaches for Inter-partner violence

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Annotated Bibliography	1,500 words	50	N	Individual
Essay	1,500 words	50	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- Ireland, J.L., Ireland, C.A., Birch, P. (eds.), (2008) Violent and Sexual Offenders: Assessment, Treatment and Management. Cullumpton: Willan.

Teaching Periods

Spring (2022) Penrith (Kingswood)

Day

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Liverpool

Day

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