

This compulsory module focuses on work in criminology and criminal justice. It utilises criminological theory that students will have learnt in term 1 and applies it to practice in a way that encourages students to consider their employability and future career progression. It does this by including meetings with practitioners (civil servants, charity workers, activists, etc.) as well as providing a visit to a prison. Students will also have a chance to attend a workshop at the end of semester to help them prepare for job applications and other considerations of employability.

This module will incorporate a theoretical component and in certain sessions, in-class workshops will build on this. These workshops will facilitate group learning and enable students to exercise problem solving through practical cases related to criminology and criminal justice issues.

The module will be divided up by two key themes:

- *The Criminal Justice System in Practice;*
- *Experiences of the Criminal Justice System*

The assessment for the module will be composed of two pieces of coursework: a **Career networking report** (1500 words) worth 40% and a **Case study analysis** (2500 words) worth 60%:

The Career networking report is a summative piece of assessment. Students will choose a future career role related to Criminology/Criminal Justice that they are interested in pursuing. They will research and make contact with an individual related to this role in order to help formulate elements of their report. To write the report students will need to investigate the role and its association with Criminology/Criminal Justice, as well as consider more practical elements of career planning.

The Case study analysis is a summative piece of assessment. Students will choose a criminological case study (after discussion with the module convenor) and write up an analysis of it based on their role as a practitioner of their choice. Students can choose their role as a practitioner based on the career they focused on for Assignment 1, or they can choose another role. Students will have the opportunity to contact practitioners for advice related to the case study in order to help direct their analysis. The analysis will utilise and apply criminological theory in order to investigate responses to the case study, demonstrating how criminology is incorporated in practice through specific practitioner roles.