Crime and Society (SECU0010)

**Description**

This module introduces students to the study of crime as a social issue.

It begins by considering how definitions of crime change over time and across cultures.

The main socio-demographic correlates of crime are presented and some of the key explanations for offending are examined.

Lastly, the formal structures and machinery in place to respond to crime and security problems are examined.

The module covers the role and functions of the police, courts, and corrections as the chief components of the criminal justice system, as well as the role of government in setting crime policy.

Students will be encouraged to critically assess the strength of different theoretical approaches throughout the module.

**Key information**

- **Year**: 2018/19
- **Credit value**: 15 (150 study hours)
- **Delivery**: UG L4, Campus-based
- **Reading List**: [View on UCL website](#)
- **Tutor**: Dr Lisa Tompson
- **Term**: Term 1
- **Timetable**: [View on UCL website](#)

**Assessment**

- Coursework: 80%
- Coursework: 20%

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