**Policing: Theory and Evidence (SECU0054)**

**Description**

This module will introduce students to the role and purpose of the police. It will cover a variety of issues that influence contemporary policing. These include exploring the role of the police in crime prevention, the purpose of community policing and how the way the police conduct their business impacts upon public confidence and police legitimacy, especially in their relationship with vulnerable and minority communities. The nature and extent of police corruption and deviance will also be covered, as will the organisational and social responses to such misconduct. Additionally, the concept of plural policing in modern societies, with the co-existence of public and private policing along with the ensuing distribution of responsibility and accountability will be discussed. The module will culminate in a discussion of the first principles of an evidence-based approach to problem solving and its implications for contemporary policing.

**Key information**

- **Year**: 2018/19
- **Credit value**: 15 (150 study hours)
- **Delivery**: UG L5, Campus-based
- **Reading List**: View on UCL website
- **Tutor**
- **Term**: Term 1
- **Timetable**: View on UCL website

**Assessment**

- Coursework: 50%
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