## KentVision Code and title of the module

PSYC8060 The Psychology of Law and Justice

## Division and School/Department or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module

Division of Human and Social Sciences, School of Psychology

## The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)

Level 7

## The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents

20 credits (10 ECTS)

## Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)

Autumn or Spring

## Prerequisite and co-requisite modules and/or any module restrictions

None

## The course(s) of study to which the module contributes

#### Compulsory to the following courses:

* MSc Forensic Psychology

1. The intended subject specific learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1. To allow students to gain a basic understanding of the criminal justice process;

8.2. To allow students to gain a detailed understanding of the psychological factors which may be relevant at each stage of the criminal justice process;

8.3. To allow students to fully appreciate the usefulness and applicability of psychological research in the criminal justice system

8.4. To allow students to understand the psychological effects of criminal justice processes on suspects/defendants.

## The intended generic learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

9.1. Evaluate the potential effects of systems on stakeholders and individuals.

9.2. Evaluate the role of forensic psychologists.

9.3. Identify and evaluate the roles of key stakeholders within national systems

## A synopsis of the curriculum

This course examines the social psychological processes involved in defining an act as criminal and deserving of prosecution and conviction. The course includes evaluations of: why we punish offenders; how they are caught, identified and prosecuted; the role of public opinion in justice and the court process. We also evaluate legal decisions by jurors and judges; the treatment of offenders with special needs and the effects of imprisonment for both prisoners and the prison system.

## Reading list

The University is committed to ensuring that core reading materials are in accessible electronic format in line with the Kent Inclusive Practices.

The most up to date reading list for each module can be found on the university's [reading list pages](https://kent.rl.talis.com/index.html).

## Contact Hours

Private Study: 167

Contact Hours: 33

Total: 200

## Assessment methods

* 1. Main assessment methods

Extended Essay (2,500 words)

* 1. Reassessment methods

Like-for-Like

## Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods and methods of assessment (section 13)

**Module learning outcomes against learning and teaching methods:**

| Module learning outcome | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 |
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| Private Study | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Workshops | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |

**Module learning outcomes against assessment methods:**

| Module learning outcome | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 |
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| Extended Essay (2,500 words) | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |

## Inclusive module design

The Division recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

## Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered

Canterbury

## Internationalisation

Internationalisation is incorporated in this module by consideration of international criminal justice systems in contrast to that of the UK.

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**Module record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

| Date approved | New/Major/Minor revision | Start date of delivery of (revised) version | Section revised (if applicable) | Impacts PLOs (Q6 & 7 cover sheet) |
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| 18.01.23 | Minor | Sept 23 | 8,9,14 | No |
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