Masters’ in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management.

Course Handbook 2015
INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the M.St in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management – often called ‘the Penology Programme’, at the Cambridge Institute of Criminology. We hope that you will find it a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience, and something which adds considerably to your professional development.

This Handbook has been designed to provide virtually all you need to know about the course, how it is administered, taught and assessed, as well as other useful information about the Institute, its staff and facilities, your College and the University of Cambridge. You are, of course, more than welcome to get in touch with me, Lucinda Bowditch or Glenn Garner if you have any questions which are not answered in the pages that follow.

Part One sets out the background to the course and provides important information on supervision and welfare, including what you can reasonably expect of your supervisors and what we expect from you. It also describes the general administrative and housekeeping arrangements, as well as facilities for disabled students.

Part Two is devoted to Year One. It sets out the draft syllabus for each study block, describes the assessment procedure, gives the titles for all the assessed essays and provides instructions for the presentation and submission of essays. It gives vitally important guidance on the avoidance of plagiarism and correct referencing which you must read carefully.

Part Three is devoted to the Year Two and sets out the syllabus, the assessment procedures, details of the Research Methods Assignment and guidance for the preparation and submission of the thesis.

Please take the trouble to read the Handbook carefully. We have tried to anticipate most of the questions you might have, from the procedure for seeking extensions (not encouraged, but sometimes permitted in certain circumstances) to how to complain (not used so far, but the procedure is there).

Immediately following this introduction you will find contact details for the core members of the M.St. team and dates for study blocks, essays submissions and other important events. We are a friendly and committed group of staff, who will try to make your time on the course as positive as possible.

Best wishes for your success on the course.

Dr Ben Crewe
Course Director
Deputy Director, Prisons Research Centre
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## COURSE AND SUBMISSION DATES

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**Board of Examiners’ and Oral Examination Date:**
10 December 2014
*(Essay 3 feedback will be circulated following this meeting)*

**Board of Examiners’ and Oral Examination Date:**
17 February 2016
*(Theses feedback will be circulated following this meeting)*
*Any student being called for a viva will be notified by 2 February 2016.*

**Graduation Dates:**
The main graduation will take place in July but it is possible to attend alternative graduation ceremonies.

**Other Dates:**
Submission date for Essay 4 will be 2 February 2016

**Other Dates:**
Deadline for submitting Thesis titles 17 July 2015
Deadline for submitting thesis drafts to supervisors for comments:
**17 November 2015**

*Please note that 6 November is the latest date for formal applications for thesis extensions. Applications received after this date will only be considered in exceptional circumstances*
PART ONE - THE INSTITUTE AND ITS COURSES

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Institute of Criminology

The Institute of Criminology was founded in 1959, housed in temporary accommodation first in Scroope Terrace and then in West Road. In 2005 the Institute moved into a new building on the Sidgwick Site as its permanent home. It has a worldwide reputation for academic excellence in both teaching and research. The staff have a wide range of interests and expertise in criminology and are willing to help in any way they can. The Institute’s library has one of the largest collections in the world on crime, deviance and related topics, including a wide selection of periodicals, pamphlets and publications of historical, as well as contemporary, interest. Course participants are encouraged to make full use of this valuable resource. The library staff are extremely knowledgeable about the publications held in it, and are willing to offer help when needed. In 2009 the Institute celebrated its 50th Anniversary with the publication of Challenging Crime which provides a portrait of the Institute and its work.

The penology course was initially established in cooperation with the Judge Business School, which is situated in Trumpington Street, opposite the Fitzwilliam Museum. The Business School was created in 1990 to act as a focus for management teaching and research in the University. The library of the Judge Business School is available to students, and members of staff there sometimes become involved in the supervision of M.St. students.

M.St in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management, Year One

The M.St. Degree in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management was originally developed in partnership with the Prison Service to provide a high quality course for senior prison managers. In subsequent years, with the advent of the National Offender Management Service (NOMS), it was re-developed to serve the needs of both the Prison and Probation Services. The course is now open to magistrates and others working in, or expecting to work in, criminal justice as well as senior managers in public & private prisons and the probation service whether from the United Kingdom or overseas. The programme is underpinned by several key concepts: continuing professional development, collaborative learning, critical thinking and reflective practice. Participants on the M.St. programme will be encouraged to review and evaluate past, current and future practice, enhancing their capacity to apply up-to-date research in management, penology and criminology to aspects of their work.

Year one comprises three formal residential blocks in Cambridge, each of two weeks duration. Year one comprises five core subject strands that are interwoven through the three teaching blocks (Blocks A, B and C). The course curriculum is updated on an annual basis to take account of current issues. The core strands are:

- Criminological Theory and Research
- Management in Criminal Justice
- Prisons and Imprisonment
- Criminal Justice and Community Justice
- Sentencing, the Legal Context and Court Issues
The first block (A) is held around Easter each year. The second and third blocks (B and C) take place in July and September. Year one is assessed by three essays (3,000 words each) selected from the core modules covered by the course.

M.St in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management, Year Two

Participants who have successfully completed year one to the required level are invited to proceed to year 2 and complete the full M.St. In exceptional circumstances approval may be given to intermit. The M.St. requires a further year of part-time study in which there are three more two-week blocks in Cambridge, around Easter and in July and September. Year two builds on work completed in year one, providing research methods training that helps students write a substantial dissertation, which may be based on either library or field work. Year one marks are carried forward towards the Master’s degree along with three other units of assessment in the year two. These involve a fourth essay (3,000 words) from the first year syllabus, a 4,000 word applied methodology exercise and an 18,000 word dissertation. Candidates who progress to year two but who are unable to complete it, for any reason, will still be considered for the award of the postgraduate certificate.

Aims of the Courses

The broad aims of the course are:

- To offer an up-to-date and high-quality course, introducing participants to some of the most important and cutting edge theory and research in criminology.
- To develop the skills necessary to locate, interpret, analyse and evaluate research and other relevant source materials.
- To enhance the capacity of students to apply current research in criminology to their work as senior criminal justice professionals.
- To give students the tools and space to reflect on their practice and think about wider criminal justice issues.

Attendance During Residential Blocks

Attendance during the residential and taught components of the course is essential; not only is it a University requirement, but also a key part of the teaching and learning strategy. Master of Studies degrees cannot be awarded if these residential requirements have not been met.
THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS COLLEGES

The University of Cambridge, with its constituent colleges, is a world-class centre of advanced study and research in most of the major academic disciplines. The University itself employs over 1,000 professors, readers and lecturers, and there are many other scholars and senior research workers in Cambridge who are attached to the Colleges or to various independent research establishments.

The historic centre of the University is near the market square and includes a nucleus of University buildings and some of the more ancient Colleges. The Institute of Criminology is near the Faculty of Law, on the Sidgwick Site. Almost all University and College buildings are within easy cycling distance of one another.

The Colleges vary in size from under 100 to almost 1,000 students. Some Colleges are recent foundations and others are almost as old as the University itself, which celebrated its 800th anniversary in 2009.

The main role of the Colleges, so far as graduate students are concerned, is to look after their members’ general welfare including, as far as possible, the provision of accommodation, meals and other social amenities. In most colleges, students are assigned a college tutor (graduate tutor) whose role is to help with any problems outside the responsibility of the student’s supervisor (the supervisor always being within the student’s academic department).

Homerton College

Students beginning the Master of Studies in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management matriculate as members of Homerton College. Thereafter students are life-members of both Homerton College and the University of Cambridge.

Homerton is the newest Cambridge college, having a rich educational history going back over two centuries. Beginning life in London as a Dissenting Academy and then a teacher training institution, in 1894 it moved to its current location. Set in attractive and spacious wooded grounds near to the train station, Homerton enjoys a mix of modern accommodation and historic buildings. The library is modern, well-stocked, and a light and airy place to work. Students dine in a splendid gothic hall built in 1890, work out in the on-site gym, play sports on our football field, eat or drink in our Griffin bar and buttery, relax in the graduate Common Room or just wander through the orchard. All student rooms have been either rebuilt or refurbished to a very high standard within the last ten years.

Homerton is one of the largest colleges in terms of student numbers, with a thriving and diverse population. Students from all over the world study a full range of subjects, from Ancient Greek to Zoology. We have particular connections to Education and teacher training, and are building new links with the nearby biomedical research campus at Addenbrooke’s. A regular series of
talks and events brings together and celebrates our diverse academic community. Graduate students are also represented by a lively union, the MCR, which organises social events as well as supporting many different clubs and societies for music, rowing, drama, and more.

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Institute of Continuing Education

The M.St. in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management is administered by the Institute of Criminology in conjunction with the Degree Committee of the Faculty of Law as well as the Institute of Continuing Education and its division for Legal and Professional Studies.

The University of Cambridge Institute (formerly Board) of Continuing Education is one of the principal agencies through which the outside world has access to the accumulated knowledge, teaching skills and values of the University. For over one hundred years vocationally oriented education and courses of study have been provided in a variety of locations for adults from the local, regional, national and international community. The Institute’s headquarters is situated at Madingley Hall, a beautiful sixteenth century country house set in its own grounds approximately three miles to the west of Cambridge.

Anyone who successfully completes year 1 but who does not proceed to or complete year 2 will be eligible for the Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management. Awards for the part-time Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management will be made by the University of Cambridge through the Institute of Continuing Education.
Supervision

Each student will be assigned a supervisor by the Director of Studies for the M.St. programme. The role of the supervisor in relation to M.St. students is multi-faceted:

- First, although personal and welfare problems are normally dealt with via the Colleges, it will be more appropriate for M.St. students to regard their supervisor as their first point of contact for all pastoral matters which might affect student performance (for example health, personal or operational problems). This is because, with limited residential periods, contact with College staff is necessarily restricted.

- Secondly, the supervisor will act as the student's advisor on all academic matters concerning the course, giving advice on study skills, for example, and providing feedback on assessed work. *Bear in mind that the rules of anonymity dictate that supervisors will not themselves necessarily be involved in assessing the work of their supervisees.*

- Thirdly, the supervisor will play an important role in advising on the selection of a thesis topic, questions of research design and methodology, the conduct of fieldwork and analysis, and the writing up of the dissertation, including reading a draft of the thesis. In some cases, where additional specialist knowledge is required for proper supervision of the thesis, the supervisor will arrange, in consultation with the Director of Studies, for an additional thesis advisor to be appointed. In other cases, where a topic would be more appropriately supervised by another member of staff, there may be a change of supervision in the second year.

For the supervision process to work well, good relations and working practices need to be established from the outset. Supervisors should meet students as early as possible in each study block and as necessary thereafter.

Responsibilities of students

- To provide the Course Administrators with all communication addresses and keep these up to date.

- To make contact with their supervisor as early as possible in each study block.

- To attend supervision meetings promptly as arranged and to act upon appropriately given advice.

- To attend courses as timetabled, and to inform the relevant lecturer or the M.St. Administrator if they are unable to attend for any reason.

- To submit all work for assessment in both electronic and paper format on or before the due dates, or to submit evidence as early as possible in cases where an extension is requested.

- To submit at least a partial draft of the thesis by the due date so the supervisor can ensure that independent work can continue on the right lines.
To be available for oral examination, if required, on the due date.

(A list of all key dates is given at the front of this handbook for easy reference)

Responsibilities of supervisors

- To make contact with their supervisees as early as possible in each study block.
- To attend supervision meetings promptly as arranged.
- To keep a formal record of meetings with supervisees including details of any advice given.
- To read the reports on assessed work of their supervisees (and as far as possible the assessed work itself) so that informed feedback can be given to students about their progress.
- To give advice to students about the preparation of the thesis and where appropriate to arrange for the appointment of a ‘thesis advisor’.
- To attend the ‘thesis oral presentations’ of all students for whom they act as supervisor or thesis advisor (and as many other presentation sessions as they can reasonably manage).
- To read and comment upon one draft or partial draft of the thesis to ensure that independent work can continue on the right lines.
- To advise students who are called for oral examination and to arrange a practice examination if appropriate.
- To advise the M.St. Director of Studies in a timely manner of any concerns they may have about a student’s progress or problems so that appropriate support may be given or other action taken.

Reasonable expectations of good practice

Students should reasonably expect that staff employed full time on the M.St. programme will be available in person throughout the study blocks and by e-mail at other times. For members of staff not employed full-time on the programme, availability will be on the basis of time tabled sessions and appointments.

It would be reasonable for students to have two sessions with their supervisors in each of the residential study blocks. One session in each block would normally be devoted to giving feedback from assessed work carried out since the previous block. A second session might look forward to preparation of the next assignment.

In relation to the dissertation students might reasonably expect to have sessions with their supervisor which covered the following:

- Selection of topic and review of the literature
- Research design and methodology
• Fieldwork, analysis and writing up.

Supervisors may read and comment upon one draft of the thesis or part of the thesis if this is submitted in a timely manner (the last date for the submission of drafts is given on the list of key dates). Students are strongly advised to avail themselves of this opportunity but they should bear in mind that reading and commenting upon drafts is very time-consuming. Supervisors should not be expected to give detailed comments on wording or to proofread the thesis, nor to correct spelling mistakes – the thesis has to be the work of the student not the supervisor – but rather make general comments on more strategic matters of methodology, analysis and structure of the draft. Supervisors should not be expected to comment on more than one draft.

Supervisors may discuss the structure and content of essays in general terms, or in the form of an essay plan but are not expected to read or comment on any drafts of essays.
COURSE EVALUATION

Course participants are asked to complete and return anonymous evaluation forms on all aspects of the course, including individual lectures, and more generally, on accommodation, availability of materials, College facilities, and so on. All responses are treated with the utmost confidentiality and are for internal assessment only. It is only through listening to feedback that we can offer and maintain a high quality course. The courses have both recently undergone substantial revisions following an extensive process of consultation with participants on the previous courses.

WRITTEN WORK

Many course participants will be returning to a teaching and learning environment after a substantial period away, and are required to write a number of essays, and eventually a thesis.

Considerable attention will be given in the first study block to the provision of guidelines that may be helpful in preparing your work. The guidelines give a general indication of what is required in writing and submitting essays and a dissertation and gives vital information about avoidance of plagiarism and appropriate referencing.

Students whose first language is not English, and who experience difficulties with written work, should consider taking one of the ‘English for academic purposes’ courses at the Cambridge University Language Centre or the Institute of Continuing Education. See - http://www.langcen.cam.ac.uk/courses/courses.php. It is also advisable that they should obtain the services of a proof reader able to correct the use of English where necessary before the submission of essays; if such services are used this should be acknowledged in a footnote to the essay or thesis.

The syllabus, essay titles and advice on essay writing and plagiarism are provided in Parts Two and Three.

Another useful online resource can be found at: http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/studying-with-us/information-for-students/virtual-learning-environment
Computing facilities
The Institute has a dedicated student study area with ten PCs running Windows and loaded with Microsoft Office, EndNote and SPSS plus a printer, photocopier and scanner. A further printer, copier and scanner is available in the Library photocopying room. Access to these facilities is available only to students with a current University card.

There are also computing facilities in the Law Faculty (with on-site support from the Faculty's computer officer), the Economics Faculty Building, the Oriental Studies Building and the Language Laboratory Building, which are all located on the Sidgwick Site. In addition, computing facilities are available at the main Computer Service on the New Museums Site. Many computer courses are offered free of charge at these centres (see notice board for dates) for students needing assistance.

Photocopying
The Institute has no free photocopying facilities. There are photocopiers in the Radzinowicz Library (ground floor) for copying library sources and any other material. Please ensure that you have your University card with you. You will need to have this ‘activated’ before first use; this can be done at the Library issue desk.

Car parking
Parking on the Sidgwick Site car parks requires a University parking permit. Students who park their cars without a permit will find that their cars may be wheel-clamped by the Sidgwick Site custodian (there is a hefty fee for the removal of the clamp). If it is necessary to park, please use the pay-and-display parking on West Road or Sidgwick Avenue.

Mail
Graduate students may use the Institute as a mailing address. All mail for M.St. students is placed in the pigeon-hole of the M.St. Course Administrator, who will distribute to participants as necessary.

Cafés and food provision on the Sidgwick Site
Cafeteria-style facilities are provided at the Buttery and in the Alison Richard Building on the Sidgwick Site. During full term, there is a sandwich vendor on the lower ground floor of the Faculty of Law, as well as snack and hot drinks machines. On the lower ground floor of the Institute of Criminology is the MPhil Common Room, which has snacks and hot/cold drinks machines.

Selwyn College lunches
It is possible to go to Selwyn College at lunch time. Selwyn College can be accessed from the Sidgwick Site or from Grange Road and offers a self-service buffet from 12.45 – 1.30pm at student rates.

Security
All students are encouraged to be security conscious, not only in relation to their own belongings but also more generally, as the Institute has experienced a number of burglaries and thefts over the last few years. The Institute is also a potentially vulnerable target as a result of the work undertaken here, and we cannot be responsible for theft or personal loss. It is not
difficult to imagine the consequences of a loss of computers containing research data or the loss of files containing confidential information.

**Smoking**
The Institute operates under the University's no smoking policy.

**Telephone messages**
The Course Administrator will take messages during the M.St. teaching blocks. The Administrator can be reached on 01223 335373 or 01223 335367 during office hours; the Institute fax number is (01223) 335356. At all other times you can leave a message with the General office (01223 335360).

**Racial and sexual harassment**
The University seeks to provide an environment conducive to learning and, as an educational establishment and an employer, the University (under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000), is obliged to provide an environment free from discrimination.

**When there are difficulties**
Any issues concerning discrimination and harassment should be discussed with the Course Director or with Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe, who is the Institute’s representative in these matters.

If a student wishes to change supervisor for whatever reason (or a member of staff wishes to change a supervisee) he or she should contact the Director of Studies in the first instance so that, if appropriate, the matter can be taken up under University procedures.

If a student becomes concerned about any aspect of the course a procedure has been drawn up in conjunction with student representatives which seeks to prevent concerns and difficulties becoming formal matters for complaint. Full details of that procedure are to be found below. This procedure is in addition to normal University grievance procedures which will be found on the University’s website.

**Payment of Fees**
In any instances where fees are outstanding or library fines are unpaid, it is University policy that no assignments will be marked or feedback given until these are settled. With regards to Year One of the MSt, if outstanding debts are not settled, it will not be possible for a the student in question to progress to Year Two. It is not possible to graduate if debts have not been settled.
The organisation of an academic programme to meet the needs of senior criminal justice professionals is complex. In a partnership between academics and practitioners, academics may sometimes have a longer term vision of what is required than may seem necessary when seen from the point of view of those working in the field. Most of the time the partnership will work well but sometimes things can go wrong or might be perceived to be going wrong. This section sets out pathways that should most effectively guide our students to resolving problems before they become a formal complaint.

- In the first instance, if a member of the student body feels that something has gone wrong the first step is to take the matter up directly, but informally, with the member of staff most directly concerned: this is likely to be a supervisor, dissertation advisor, lecturer, the course administrator or the course director. Wherever possible the member of staff concerned will try to resolve it, and sometimes this may involve consultation with the Course Director. If an immediate resolution is not possible the member of staff will ask the student what further action they think is required to try to resolve the situation.

- There may be circumstances where a student feels unable to take the matter up directly on their own behalf. In those circumstances the student may wish to pursue the matter with the help of either their college graduate tutor or their supervisor. The college graduate tutor or the supervisor will first ask what steps have already been taken to resolve the matter but then will try to bring about a resolution on behalf of the student.

- If the student is unable to resolve the matter directly, or if the college graduate tutor or supervisor has been unable to resolve the matter on the student’s behalf, then the student will be invited to submit a formal written complaint to the Course Director. Upon receipt of the written complaint the Course Director will endeavour to resolve the matter as quickly as possible and will notify the student concerned of what action has been, or is being, taken normally within five to seven working days.

If the subject of the complaint is the Course Director, and it has not been possible to resolve the complaint directly by the student, or indirectly on behalf of the student, then a formal written complaint should be submitted to the Director of the Institute of Criminology.
The following information is taken from the 2000 University of Cambridge HEFCE Disability Statement. This statement includes information for students with chronic illness, dyslexia, sensory disabilities, mobility difficulties and mental health difficulties. For the complete statement, please visit:

www.cam.ac.uk/cambuniv/disability/serviceandpubs/pdf/hefcestatement.pdf

If students have any disabilities, it is helpful if they can inform us at the earliest opportunity. This will enable us to get the necessary support in place. You are also welcome to contact the University Disability Adviser at any time (please see the contact details below).

Introduction

Everyone who has the capacity to benefit from studying at Cambridge should have the opportunity to do so: this is the principle which informs our approach to widening participation in a range of areas, including disability. With this principle in mind, in 1999 the University successfully applied for funding from HEFCE to improve our disability provision. Using this money we have established a Disability Resource Centre to serve as a central focus for support. We are also improving support for students with dyslexia, the largest disability group in the University. Underpinning these moves is an expanded programme of disability awareness training for all levels of staff and students, since we believe that supportive attitudes are crucial to ensuring that people with a disability flourish in the University.

The University of Cambridge is committed to widening access to its world-class facilities: if after reading this you would like further information, please contact the Course Administrator or the University Disability Adviser (see below).

Facilities and Equipment: Information for Those with Particular Disabilities

Dyslexia
At present the University, together with the Colleges, offers the following to people with dyslexia:
- A limited number of free pre-assessments for those who think they may have dyslexia but have never had a formal diagnosis.
- Study skills sessions to help improve coping strategies.
- The University Recording Service to read texts on to tape.
- Advice and support on equipment and software purchase.
- Assistance where required in using libraries.

Visual Impairment
The following is available for those with visual impairment:
- The city's Social Services Visual Impairment team offers orientation to students when they first arrive, and Colleges can also assign fellow students to assist in finding your way around.
- The University Library has a scanner system which can read text aloud via a voice synthesiser, convert it into Braille, or store it on disk for use on students' own equipment. It is also equipped with CCTVs.
- The Disability Adviser can recruit personal readers for students, and students can also make use of the University recording service, which reads texts on to audio-tape.
Guide Dogs are welcome: many colleges are able to assign a room giving easy access to a garden.

Hearing Loss
- There is a Sennheiser radio-aid available for loan, and there are plans to increase the number of radio-aids available.
- At present a small number of University lecture theatres (including those at the Institute of Criminology) are equipped with induction loops.
- There is a textphone in the Disability Resource Centre
- Colleges can adapt rooms to the needs of students with hearing loss, for example by fitting a flashing door-bell and fire alarm
- The disability Adviser can recruit note-takers for students. She can arrange to recruit interpreters and lipspeakers through the RNID office, but students should note that there is a national shortage of sign-language interpreters so it may be difficult to cover an entire lecture programme in some subjects.

Mobility difficulties (including wheelchair users)
If on studying the Access Guide, you find the department or College in which you are interested does not appear to be accessible, contact the Disability Adviser for further information. Wherever practicable, the University will endeavour to enable access to given buildings given reasonable notice.

Students with mobility difficulties (or other conditions affecting ability to travel, such as M.E.) will be given permission to bring a car to Cambridge. They will be allocated parking space at a College and also a permit for parking at the department where possible.

Mental Health Difficulties
The University Counselling Service supports students experiencing anxiety, stress and depression. If you have an existing mental health difficulty, you are encouraged to inform your Course Administrator or Director to ensure appropriate support whilst you are studying.

Disclaimer
While the University will make every reasonable effort to provide the services set out in this statement, and to help you to make best use of them, budgetary and other resource constraints make it impossible to guarantee that all services will be available to all students without restriction.

Disability Resource Centre Contact Details
University Disability Adviser
Disability Resource Centre
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Silver Street
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CB3 9EW

Telephone: 01223 332301
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Dr Ben Crewe  Dr Ben Crewe is Course Director of the M.St. in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management, and Deputy Director of the Prisons Research Centre.

Ben has been at the Institute since 2001 and has researched widely on prisons. Much of his work has been on the ‘inner life’ of prisons, such as prison culture, staff-prisoner relationships, the drugs economy in prison, and adaptations to imprisonment. Ben is particularly interested in how power is exerted in prison and how it is experienced by prisoners. His most recent monograph, The Prisoner Society: Power, Adaptation and Social Life, was published in 2009 by Oxford University Press. He has also published in journals including Punishment and Society, The British Journal of Criminology, and The Howard Journal. He has co-edited a collection on prison staff - Understanding Prison Staff (Willan Publishing) – and on prisoners – The Prisoner (Routledge).

In recent years, Ben has co-directed a study (with Professor Alison Liebling) on Values, Practices and Outcomes in Public and Private Corrections. He is currently undertaking two research projects: one (with Dr Susie Hulley and Dr Serena Wright) titled Experiencing very long term imprisonment from young adulthood: identity, adaptation and penal legitimacy, and one (with Professor Alison Liebling) on ‘the role of the governing governor’, sponsored by the Prison Service.

Ben has always been keen to engage with practitioners in developing research ideas and disseminating findings. He is on the editorial board of The Prison Service Journal and on the Perrie Lectures committee, is an International Associate Board member of Punishment and Society, and is on the editorial board of the British Journal of Criminology. Before coming to the Institute, Ben studied sociology at Robinson College, Cambridge, London School of Economics, and the University of Essex.

Dr Timothy Coupe  (Lecturer in Criminal Justice Management). Dr Coupe's interests include victimisation, policing, and crime prevention, investigation and detection. He has carried out a number of Home Office-funded studies of the UK police, including research into resource allocation and the investigation and ‘solvability’ of domestic and commercial burglary. A recent ESRC funded project examined non-residential burglary targeting. With a background in management and operational research, he also has interests in performance evaluation. His publications include articles in The British Journal of Criminology, Criminology, Journal of Criminal Justice, The Security Journal, International Journal of Victimology, Omega, Policing & Society and DoJ’s Crime Detection and Prevention Series. His current research work concerns the improvement of burglary detection rates, repeat burglary victimisation and offender-offence profiling.

Dr Caroline Lanskey  is an Affiliated Lecturer at the Institute. Her core research interests stem from her cross-disciplinary experience of education and criminology and include youth justice and education, prisoners’ children and families, citizenship and migration in criminal justice, and research methodologies. Since joining the Institute she has worked on a number of research projects: an evaluation of a training intervention for staff in secure settings for young people; an ESRC postdoctoral research fellowship on the education of young people in custody; a study of risk and protective factors associated with the resettlement of imprisoned fathers with their families; and an analysis of criminal justice processes through the eyes of families bereaved through homicide. She has recently completed a project on the education pathways of young people in the youth justice system. Recent publications include: Lanskey C, (2014) Up or down

http://dx.doi.org/10.1332/204674314X14037881746154, Dr Lanskey teaches and supervises students on the MPhil and MSt in Applied Criminology. She is a visiting research fellow at the Open University's International Centre for Comparative Criminological Research and a member of the ESRC peer review college.

Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson (Lecturer in Applied Criminology) has been at the Institute since 2005. Her research interests include legal and eyewitness psychology (e.g. investigative interviewing, legal decision making), as well a crimes against vulnerable groups, such as the elderly.

Together with West Midlands Police she currently investigates best practice for police procedures on taking statements from drunk witnesses in serious violent crimes. She is also working on a comparative study of the characteristics of rape offences against male victims.

In recent years she has held grants from the Arts and Humanities Research Council for research investigating jurors' understanding of "beyond reasonable doubt" as the standard of proof in criminal cases and from the British Academy for studies identifying innovative ways to maximize the quality of older persons' eyewitness accounts by translating knowledge from cognitive aging research.

Dr Lucy Willmott is a Teaching Associate on the MSt in Applied Criminology. She has lectured in criminology, psychology and research methods at the University of Wales, Bangor, the University of Oxford and the Institute of Psychiatry. She completed a post doctorate position on the Inclusion for Dangerous Severe Personality Disorder: Evaluation Assessment and treatment (IDEA) Research Project at the University of Oxford and was formerly a psychologist in training for HM Prison Service. She has a BA (hons) in Psychology and Sociology (1995), MA in Criminology and Research Methodology (1997) and a PhD in Criminology (2002) from the University of Wales, Bangor. Her research interests have focused on the treatment and management of personality disordered and psychopathic offenders in high security settings.

Dr Ruth Armstrong is a Research Associate in the Prisons Research Centre. She graduated in Law with American Law from the University of Nottingham in 2001. In 2005 Ruth completed the MPhil in criminological research at the Institute of Criminology in Cambridge, undertaking the pilot study which became the basis for her Ph.D, an ethnography of life after prison in the USA. She is currently completing a post-doc on an ESRC funded project under the new 'Transforming Social Science' initiative, entitled 'Locating and Building Trust in a Climate of Fear: Religion, Moral Status, Prisoner Leadership and Risk in Maximum Security Prisons'. Her research interests include considering criminal justice practices in light of desistance theory and interrogating matters of faith and religion in relation to crime and desistance. Recent publications include 'Trusting the Untrustworthy: The Theology, Practice and Implications of Faith-Based Volunteers’ Work with Ex-Prisoners', Studies in Christian Ethics August 2014 vol. 27 no. 3 299-309, 'From Paper Ethics to Real World Research: Supervising Ethical Reflexivity When Taking Risks in Research with 'The Risky'; Ruth Armstrong, Loraine Gelsthorpe and Ben Crewe in Reflexivity in Criminological Research Experiences with the Powerful and the Powerless edited by Karen Lumsden, Aaron Winter, September 2014, Palgrave Macmillan and ‘Transforming Rehabilitation: Can faith-communities help to reduce reoffending?’ In the Prison Service Journal, Nov 2014, no. 216. Last year Ruth also produced two films showing the findings from her Ph.D. on the role of mentors supporting desistance post-release: 'Jogging with Jody' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNZMLFrrG1U, and Jogging with Jody - the experts view https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPv3Spemnl. She juggles a part-time job with the joys of
trying to keep two young children alive while minimising factors that could, in the future, land them in prison.

**Dr Susie Hulley** is a Research Associate in the Prisons Research Centre. She joined the Institute in 2007 to work on a study entitled 'Values, Practices and Outcomes in Public and Private Sector Corrections' study. She is currently working on a project with Ben Crewe and Serena Wright entitled 'Experiencing very long term imprisonment from young adulthood: identity, adaptation and penal legitimacy'. Following completion of a degree and an MSc in criminology, Susie was awarded her PhD from the University of London in 2008, for her thesis on perceptions, experiences and perceived risks of anti-social behaviour amongst adults and young people in the context of Neighbourhood Policing.

**Dr Amy Ludlow** Dr Amy Ludlow is a Fellow and College Lecturer in Law at Gonville and Caius College and an Affiliated Lecturer at the Faculty of Law. She supervises EU, employment and criminal law, lectures employment law and legal methodology, and is a guest lecturer and supervisor for the Cambridge Penology Programme. Amy completed her PhD in 2013 on the staffing and industrial relations impacts of prison privatisation (a case study of HMP Birmingham’s privatisation). Since then, she has published her PhD ('Privatising Public Prisons: Labour Law and the Public Procurement Process’ Bloomsbury 2015), convened a conference on empirical methods in labour law and edited a collection of papers from the conference ('New Frontiers in Empirical Labour Law' Bloomsbury 2015) and led a research project on suicide prevention in NOMS’ custody, which was commissioned by the Harris Review. Amy is currently a co-PI on an empirical project looking at the enforcement of labour rights by European migrant workers in the UK (funded by the Cambridge Humanities Research Grant Scheme) and, together with Dr Ruth Armstrong, is piloting a new educational programme at HMP Grendon based upon the US 'Inside-Out' model. Amy is currently developing work that will investigate the role of Independent Monitoring Boards in prisons alongside continuing to explore the impacts of public service commissioning upon prison staff and industrial relations.

**Dr Serena Wright** (Research Associate, Prisons Research Centre) has been at the Institute since 2012. Serena’s background since graduating from her undergraduate degree (BSc Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Portsmouth) was in practitioner/front-line work with disadvantaged and vulnerable populations. These roles include paid community-based work as a support worker at a residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation unit, and later as an Independent Domestic Violence Advocate and Independent Sexual Violence Advocate for an early intervention project, working with (primarily women) who had experienced – or were experiencing – domestic abuse and violence, or/and who had been raped or sexually assaulted. She also volunteered as a member of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Kingston. She is currently a post-doctoral researcher on the ESRC-funded project 'Experiencing very long term imprisonment from young adulthood: identity, adaptation and penal legitimacy’, along with Dr Ben Crewe and Dr Susie Hulley. Based at the University of Surrey, Serena’s doctoral research focused on repeat criminalisation across the life course of women identified as ‘persistent’ or ‘prolific’ offenders, which entailed both community- and prison-based fieldwork. Her current research interests include gender and criminal/social justice, adaptation to life sentences, joint enterprise, substance use, and narratives of imprisonment more broadly.

**Dr Katherine Auty**

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**Other Staff Who Teach on the M.St. Programme**

**Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe** (Director of the M.Phil Programme, Fellow of Pembroke College). Professor Gelsthorpe has carried out a number of funded empirical research studies alongside more theoretical work, including work on youth justice issues, police decision making,
pre-sentence reports, the effectiveness of ‘community service’ (now community payback, race and gender issues in criminal justice, men’s experiences of different prison regimes, inter-agency aspects of crime prevention, the detention of asylum seekers, and magistrates’ sentencing. Her publications include Women and Crime (1981), Gender Issues in Juvenile Justice (1985), Sexism and the Female Offender (1989), Feminist Perspectives in Criminology (1990), Minorities in the Cultural Justice System (1993), Understanding the Sentencing of Women (1997) and Community Penalties: Changes and Challenges (with A. E. Bottoms and S. Rex) and The Handbook of Probation (edited with Rod Morgan, 2007). She is a member of various journal editorial boards – including The Howard Journal, The British Journal of Criminology, Criminology and Criminal Justice, and the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology. Professor Gellner is the current President of the British Society of Criminology (and former chair of the Professional Affairs and Ethics Committee within the theoretical research on compliance with legal rules; since October 2002 he has been researching patterns of crime and desistance among a sample of 20-25 year-old persistent

**Professor Alison Liebling** (Director of the Prisons Research Centre; Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice). Professor Liebling has carried out many empirical research projects on prison life, including on young offender throughcare, suicides and suicide attempts in prison, an evaluation of small units for difficult prisoners, an evaluation of Wolds prison, an evaluation of incentives and earned privileges, staff-prisoner relationships, the work of prison officers, measuring the quality of prison life, suicide prevention in high risk prisons, and the causes and prevention of prolific self-harm in prison. She has recently completed a major comparison of public and private sector prisons, with Ben Crewe, a study of the values and professional identities of senior managers in corrections, and a repeat of her original study of staff-prisoner relationships at Whitemoor prison.


**Mrs Nicola Padfield**, Reader in Criminal and Penal Justice at the Law Faculty, is also Master of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. A barrister by training, she has published widely on criminal law, sentencing and criminal justice. Her books include The Criminal Justice Process: Text and Materials (5th ed, with Jonathan Bild, is to be published in 2015); Criminal Law (9th ed, 2014); Beyond the Tariff: Human rights and the release of life sentence prisoners (2002); A Guide to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (with Biggs, S, and Farrell, S, 2002). She has edited other collections of essays, and was editor of Archbold Review for over ten years. She sat as a Recorder (part-time judge) in the Crown Court from 2002-2014 and is a Bencher of the Middle Temple. Her main research interest is sentencing, especially ‘back door sentencing’: i.e. release and recall.

**Professor Sir Anthony Bottoms** is Emeritus Wolfson Professor of Criminology, Life Fellow of Fitzwilliam College and Professorial Fellow in Criminology at the University of Sheffield. His main research interests lie in the fields of environmental criminology, theoretical criminology and penology. He has conducted empirical research on a wide range of topics including imprisonment, non-custodial penalties, and area variations in crime. At present, he is carrying out theoretical research on compliance with legal rules; since October 2002 he has been researching patterns of crime and desistance among a sample of 20-25 year-old persistent
offenders. Fellow of the British Academy, and was knighted in 2001 for services to the criminal justice system.

Dr Barak Ariel
Barak Ariel is a lecturer in the Police Executive Programme. Among other topics, Dr Ariel provides seminars on systematic reviews, meta-analyses and statistical analyses. As a research fellow of the Jerry Lee Centre of Experimental Criminology, Dr Ariel is the chief analyst for the Tactical Effectiveness and Strategic Testing (TEST) programme, in which a series of randomized field experiments are conducted in partnerships between Cambridge University and several police forces in the UK, such as Greater Manchester Police. Barak is working in collaboration with Professor Lawrence Sherman and Dr. Heather Strang on Restorative Justice Trials, as well as in collaboration with Professor David Farrington on blocked randomised experiments. Dr Ariel is also working on a series of systematic reviews on tax compliance and the effect of arrest in domestic violence (for the Campbell Collaboration), as well as other methodological issues related to experiments in Criminology. For his PhD dissertation (mentored by Stockholm Prize winner, Professor David Weisburd), Barak has conducted a large-scale randomized controlled experiment on tax compliance, with nearly 17,000 subjects in their natural setting.

Professor Friedrich Lösel (Former Director of the Institute of Criminology). Professor Friedrich Lösel came to the Institute from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, where he was Professor of Psychology and Director of the Institute of Psychology. Prior to that, he was a professor of psychology at the University of Bielefeld. His research interests are in the fields of criminology, clinical psychology, psychology and law, assessment, and programme evaluation. He has worked, for example, on juvenile delinquency, prisons and their alternatives, offender treatment, football hooliganism, school bullying, personality disordered offenders, resilience, close relationships, risk assessment for child abuse, and evaluation methodology. Since 1999 he has been conducting a combined prospective longitudinal and experimental study of 700 children and their families to investigate factors that either fuel or prevent the development of antisocial behaviour. He is the author or editor of 16 books and approximately 250 book chapters and journal articles. In recognition of his work, he has received the Lifetime Award of the European Association of Psychology and Law, an honorary doctorate of science from Glasgow Caledonian University and the American Society of Criminology’s Sellin-Glueck Award. He has also been elected as a fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology.

Professor Lawrence Sherman Lawrence W. Sherman is Director of the Institute of Criminology of the University of Cambridge, where he has served as Wolfson Professor of Criminology since 2007. He is also Director of both the Jerry Lee Centre for Experimental Criminology and Chair of the Cambridge Police Executive Programme, which offers postgraduate degree and non-degree courses on evidence-based policing to police leaders and crime analysts from around the world. He earned his PhD from Yale University, and has been awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Stockholm and Denison University.

His research interests are in the fields of crime prevention, evidence-based policy, restorative justice, police practices and experimental criminology. He has conducted field experiments, for example, on finding more effective ways to reduce homicide, gun violence, domestic violence, robbery, burglary, and other crime problems, in collaboration with such agencies as the Metropolitan, Northumbria and Thames Valley Police, London's Crown Courts, HM Prisons, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Youth Justice Board of England and Wales, and the National Probation Service, as well as 30 US police agencies and the Australian Federal Police. Since 1995, he has been co-directing a program of prospective longitudinal experiments in restorative justice involving some 2500 offenders and 2000 crime victims. Since 2005, he has been developing new tools for predicting murder among offenders on probation and parole in Philadelphia, as well as randomized trials of intensive services among highest-risk offenders.

Professor Sherman has served as president of the American Society of Criminology, the International Society of Criminology, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and
the Academy of Experimental Criminology. He has worked on several projects of the (US) National Academy of Sciences, and as a consultant to the FBI, the (UK) Home Office and Youth Justice Board, the Swedish Ministry of Justice, the (US) National Institute of Justice, the New York City Police Department, the National Police Agency of Japan, the Korean Institute of Criminology, the Justice Ministry of Lower Saxony, and many other agencies.

The author, co-author or editor of 9 books and over 100 book chapters and journal articles, Sherman has received the American Society of Criminology's Edwin Sutherland Award, the Academy of Experimental Criminology's Joan McCord Award, the American Sociological Association's Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Crime, Law and Deviance, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' Bruce Smith Jr. Award, and the Campbell Collaboration's Robert Boruch Award. The founding co-chair of the International Jury for the Stockholm Prize in Criminology, Sherman has also received the Benjamin Franklin Medal of the Royal Society for the Arts in London.

Professor Heather Strang is Director of the Police Executive Programme and its M.St. Degree in Applied Criminology and Police Management. She is also Director of Research in the Jerry Lee Centre of Experimental Criminology at the Institute of Criminology. Internationally recognized for her British and Australian experiments in police-led restorative justice conferences, she previously served for ten years as Director of the Centre for Restorative Justice at the Australian National University, where she earned her Ph.D. in Criminology. Prior to that she served as Executive Research Officer at the Australian Institute of Criminology, where she founded the Australian national reporting system for homicide after serving on the research staff of the Australian National Committee on Violence.

Her research interests include the effects of crime and justice on victims of crime, the diversion of cases from prosecution to alternative disposals, restorative justice conferences as both a supplement to and diversion from prosecution, police responses to domestic violence, and the management of randomized controlled experiments in criminology. She currently serves as Chair of the Cambridge Constabulary's independent Out-of-Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel, and is co-directing randomized trials on preventing repeat domestic abuse in the Hampshire and Thames Valley (UK) Constabularies.

Elected a Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology in 2002, she served as a member of the Scientific Commission of the International Society of Criminology from 2006 to 2012. In 2013 her research team published the Campbell Collaboration Systematic Review of the Effects of Restorative Justice Conferences on Offender Recidivism and Victim Satisfaction. In recent years she has been invited to lecture on her research by universities, learned societies and governments in Japan, Colombia, Norway, Uruguay, Sweden, USA, Turkey, Israel, Ireland, Scotland and Belgium. In 2014 she was appointed a Senior Fellow of the Cambridge Centre for Evidence-Based Policing

Professor Per-Olof Wikström (Professor of Ecological and Developmental Criminology; Fellow of Girton College). Professor Wikström was Director of the Research Unit at the National Council for Crime Prevention, Sweden (until December 1994) and Professor of Sociology of Crime, Department of Sociology, University of Stockholm (until December, 1996). His main research interests lie in the areas of integrative criminology, urban crime, criminal careers and cross-national comparative research. Professor Wikström is the Director of the ESRC Cambridge Network for the Study of the Social Context of Pathways in Crime (a major research undertaking involving four research sites in the UK (Cambridge, Sheffield, London and Huddersfield) and two collaborative sites in the US (Chicago and Pittsburgh))

Administrative Staff

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A certain amount of reading material will be provided on a 'Resources for Current Students' page on the website. Access to this will be exclusively for M.St. students on the current programme only, in accordance with the Copyright Licensing Agreement. Access to this material will be via a Raven password and details of how to do this will be given in the IT Induction. If there are any difficulties, please contact the IT Officer or Course Administrators.

If you wish to record any seminars, you must seek permission from the seminar convener. Please provide your own recording device. No recordings may be used for any other purpose than your own private study.
Assessment
The assessment for year one comprises three essays. The word limit for the text of each assessed essay is 3,000 words. The word limit does not include references. Appendices will not be accepted and there should be no need to include footnotes or endnotes. If any submitted assignments exceed the permitted length, only the first 3,000 words will be marked.

Examiners
The Examiners for the MS.t. are appointed by The Degree Committee of the Faculty of Law and comprise teaching staff from the Institute of Criminology, the External Examiner, and a Senior Examiner approved by the Institute of Criminology. There are two internal examiners for each essay. The External Examiner gives advice on the wording of questions, checks the level of marking of essays, monitors the general standard of the course, and is normally present at any oral examination.

Submission of Essays
Strict deadlines are set for the handing in of essays/exercises in both paper and electronic format (the dates for the current year are set out at the front of this handbook). All essays are marked anonymously. Participants will be allocated a candidate number, which should appear on their essay. Please see the relevant page of this handbook for guidelines on submission of essays. An electronic copy must also be submitted to Turnitin, a software programme for the detection of plagiarism: Please see the relevant page of this handbook for further details. The front sheet should include an electronic count of the number of words.

Extensions
Students should submit each individual essay no later than the agreed deadlines. Essays not submitted by a particular deadline (without prior approval from the Senior Examiner) will be considered late. In cases where extensions have not been granted, the Exam Board reserves the right to deduct marks for late submissions. Essays that are submitted up to a week late risk the deduction of 10 per cent of the given mark (i.e. rather than 10 absolute percentage points), while those submitted more than one week late risk the deduction of up to 20 per cent of the given mark. Essays submitted after this point, without an approved extension, will not be accepted. The marks will be deducted by the Board of Examiners at the end of the year.

No more than a two week extension is normally permitted for essays.

Reasons/documentation
There are three reasons why an extension may be granted:

- Medical: this must be supported by a doctor’s note
- Special operational circumstances: this must be supported by a letter from a line manager
- Exceptional personal circumstances: this requires a strong supporting letter from the supervisor

Procedure
A written application for an extension should be submitted, before an essay deadline, either directly to the Course Director or via your supervisor. However, no extensions can be granted by supervisors: an extension can be granted only by the Course Director.
# Marking scheme

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<td>This range of marks reflects acceptable answers, but with some significant weakness in arguments, lack of knowledge of some significant material, major organisational deficiencies, failure to address the question fully, or other significant inaccuracies. Essays and assignments which achieve marks of 60-62 will be deemed to have achieved a Marginal Pass and may be subject to review at the Board of Examiners’ Meeting following oral examination. The matter of oral examination will be at the Senior Examiner’s discretion. Progression to Year Two for those in this band is not automatic and will depend on the recommendations of the Board of Examiners.</td>
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A failure in any one of the three essays risks failure in year one as a whole. However, a failure may be compensated by consistently good performance elsewhere. An average mark of 60 is the pass mark for the Postgraduate Certificate, an average of 65 is required for progression to Year Two and completion of the M.St.

**Essay Feedback**
Each assignment is double marked and students will receive detailed written feedback from both assessors with an agreed mark. This will normally be emailed out to students before the commencement of the next residential block. Students should go through this feedback with their supervisor before starting work on the next essay. Feedback for Essay 3 will be emailed after the Board of Examiners’ Meeting in December.

**Oral Examination**
In the year one, any course participant may, at the discretion of the Senior Examiner, be called for an oral examination. The date for the oral examination is to be found at the front of this handbook and all course participants should ensure that they are available on that date should they be required to attend. The date is non-negotiable.
Year one requires the completion of three essays (one of which must be from the 'criminological theory and research' strand). Year two comprises a further essay, a methods assignment and a thesis. For each essay, students may choose the strand from which to select the question they will answer. These strands are: 1) Criminological Theory and Research, 2) Management in Criminal Justice, 3) Prisons and Imprisonment, 4) Criminal Justice Policy, 'What Works' and the Community, 5) Sentencing, the legal context, and court issues.

The only constraints are:

1. During the Year One, students must answer one question listed from the 'Criminological Theory and Research' strand
2. Students cannot do more than one essay from any one strand. The questions are listed below under the strand into which they fall.

We are keen to ensure that students feel that the wording of questions does not exclude them – this is especially relevant for those who work outside the UK, or in fields other than prisons and probation. Where students feel that the question wording needs to be changed in order to make it relevant to their particular employer, organisation, or jurisdiction, they are very welcome to discuss an alternative wording with the course director. However, students may not change the wording of essay questions without the explicit permission of the course director.

Please ask a member of M.St. staff if you are confused about the instructions for choosing essays.

All answers to the following essay questions must be no longer than 3,000 words, and must be emailed to Lucinda Bowditch at ljb55@cam.ac.uk and also to Glenn Garner at gg384@cam.ac.uk by 1100 hours on the date indicated. Four paper copies must also be posted to Lucinda to arrive no later than the following day.

**ESSAY # 1: Due 5 May 2015**

**Criminological Theory and Criminological Research**

1. Critically assess the contribution of deterrence theory to the understanding of offending and to the control of crime.

2. Critically examine the evidence for the hypothesis that perceptions of procedural justice and legitimacy shape public compliance with the law and cooperation with legal authorities.

**Criminal Justice and Community Justice**

1. How can we best understand the changing role and shape of community penalties in recent years?
2. To what degree does the concept of ‘late modernity’ help explain the direction of criminal justice policy over the past two decades?

Management in Criminal Justice

1. What lessons can be drawn from leadership theories, concepts and empirical studies of leadership for implementing change in correctional services?

Prisons and Imprisonment

1. Critically assess the contribution of the Measuring the Quality of Prison Life survey to our understanding of prisons and imprisonment.

2. How valid now is Sykes’s (1958) account of the pains of imprisonment and their impact on prisoner culture and social relations?

Sentencing, the Legal Context and Court Issues

1. What is the most persuasive justification for punishing people who break the law?

2. Evaluate changes in sentencing law and practice since 2003 in light of the avowed aims of the criminal justice system.

ESSAY # 2: Due 4 August 2015

Criminological Theory and Criminological Research

1. Drawing on life-course theories of offending discuss the roles of stability and change within criminal careers.

2. Critically assess the contribution of Routine Activities Theory to the understanding of offending.

Criminal Justice and Community Justice

1. To what degree do the realities of probation culture and practice suggest that the management of offenders in England and Wales (or another jurisdiction) has been radically transformed in recent decades?

2. Using research evidence, critically discuss ‘what works’ in relation to either a) women, or b) sex offenders.

3. What does research tell us about how ex-prisoners experience and adapt to life after prison including experiences of post-release supervision? How far do these adaptations support the change process that underpins the intended outcomes of community supervision?
Management in Criminal Justice

1. ‘Public management arrangements not only deliver public services, but also enshrine deeper governance values’ (OECD, 2003 p.3). Discuss, with reference to the use of privatisation and competition in the criminal justice system.

2. To what extent has ‘managerialism’ strengthened or weakened the powers, responsibilities and accountability of senior managers in either NOMS or the Scottish Prison Service? Has this proved beneficial or detrimental?

Prisons and Imprisonment


2. To what degree is the prison population rate a simple political choice?

Sentencing, the Legal Context and Court Issues

1. What criteria should be used to release people from, and recall people to, prison? How should these decisions be supervised?

2. Should attempts to increase public confidence in pre-court decision-making necessarily involve additional constrains on the exercise of discretion?

ESSAY # 3: Due 13 October 2015

Criminological Theory and Criminological Research

1. It has been suggested that there are four principal mechanisms of legal compliance: instrumental, normative, situational, and habitual. Using appropriate examples, discuss the proposition that those who make and implement criminal justice policy would improve the system if they thought more rigorously about these mechanisms, and their interaction.

2. Critically discuss the contribution of ‘Critical Criminology’ to Criminology. In addressing the issues make reference to two particular perspectives within Critical Criminology.

Criminal Justice and Community Justice

1. Critically assess the strengths and weaknesses of desistance theory.

2. What are the potential risks and benefits of third-sector organisations becoming increasingly involved in the direct delivery of penal services (including prison post prison support)?
Management in Criminal Justice

1. To what extent do organisational cultures unite or divide correctional services? Illustrate your answer with reference to one criminal justice agency.

2. A variety of bodies are responsible for ensuring that prisons are accountable for their decisions and actions (including, for example, HMIP, IMBs and the PPO). Explore the extent to which the work of at least two such bodies secures effective accountability in practice in prisons in England and Wales?

Prisons and Imprisonment

1. To what extent are prison suicides (a) predictable (b) preventable? What kinds of preventative strategies work best?

2. In 1989, Stephen Shaw wrote that ‘the case against privatization would be that much stronger if there were not substantial evidence that the public system is either squalid or ludicrously wasteful of resources. The opponents of privatization have to be careful not to be defenders of public squalor’ (Shaw 1989: 51). How would you assess Shaw’s statement, in the light of evidence and argument about private sector involvement in prisons?

Sentencing, the Legal Context and Court Issues

1. Criminal justice and national health services are converging (Rutherford 2010). Specialist forensic services for risk of harm personality disordered offenders are expanding but the link between personality disorder and violence is unclear (Home Office 1999, Duggan and Howard 2009). “Treating a risk factor that is not a causal factor will be both a waste of time and ethically dubious.” (Howard and McMurran 2012, 160) Discuss.

2. ‘Something must be done’ (Eastman and Peay 1998, 95) about personality disordered offenders, sometimes referred to as psychopaths, was arguably the starting premise for the DSPD experiment. However, “there is no consensus on how to best treat”, or indeed manage, “those highly complex personality disordered offenders even after 10 years of service delivery.” (Vollm and Konappa 2012, 176) What now ‘must be done’ about personality disordered offenders?

For those students proceeding to Year two, the following is required:

ESSAY # 4: Due 2 February 2016

1. Imprisoning people for longer periods, often in high-security prisons, creates more problems than it solves. Discuss.

2. What are the aims and functions of imprisonment? Which of these aims and functions does it best meet?

3. What are the most effective and enduring ways of encouraging offender compliance in community and custodial settings?
4. 'What should be the age of criminal responsibility? Discuss this issue with reference to relevant research literature and youth justice practice in two or more jurisdictions'

5. Many theories have been developed over the years to account for offending and law-abiding behaviour. Which of these theories are (or could be) of greatest use to those planning prison and probation practice in the future?

6. Crime is committed disproportionately by persons aged 14-25, and also, in all age groups, by males more than females. Why? Explain this finding from the perspective of at least two different theories.

7. Consider the following: As far as white and ethnic minority offenders are concerned, we should aim to treat them equally, but as far as men and women are concerned, we should treat them differently. What are the implications of these propositions for criminal justice?

8. Compare and contrast the ways that routine activity theory and situational action theory explain the role of the environment in offending behaviour.

9. Assess the relative importance of popular punitivism and resourcing constraints in shaping penal practice.

10. Discuss the difficulties an incoming governing governor of a prison or a Probation Service Area Director might face with regard to implementing changes without full senior management team support. Drawing on literature and other evidence, suggest how these difficulties might best be overcome.

11. Focussing on offender management in prison, in the community, or both, to what extent is it accurate to say that offender management reflects the 'new penology' of actuarial risk management? In what ways do contemporary offender management practices build trust and support desistance?

**Essay 5 METHODS ASSIGNMENT (Research Proposal): Due May 2016 - Details will be sent to you later**

**THESIS: Due January 2016**
GUIDANCE ON THE WRITING OF ESSAYS

The maximum word length for each essay is 3,000 words. Footnotes, endnotes, and appendices will not be accepted. (Please see the relevant section of this handbook for guidance on referencing)

Relevance of material
The general content of the essay, and the materials used in the essay, must fall within the broad topic of the relevant block. It is absolutely crucial to address the essay question directly.

Planning the essay
The planning and structure of the essay are very important. A strong introduction, which lays out the issues to be discussed in relation to the question, and a logical structure, to take the reader through your arguments to your conclusion, are important. Students may use a small number of headings in dividing different aspects of the issues under discussion, but it is important that they do not break up the flow of the argument and turn the essay into an elaborate list of topics.

Theoretical content
It is important to consider how theory/theories can help explain the issues under discussion and what insights they offer. Ask throughout your essay how and why what you are discussing is important.

Interpreting the question
Many students, even at Masters level, do not answer the question that is asked and therefore lose valuable marks. Read the question carefully and think about what you are being asked to do; look for ‘key words’ in the question and ensure that you have covered all of the areas the question asks. It is often a good idea to include in the introduction to your essay a short statement of what you understand the question to mean, especially if it is capable of bearing different interpretations.

Use of examples
Using examples – e.g. a particular author’s work, a case study, an incident in the news, or an analogy – can help you make your point more effectively and highlight your ability to explain ideas and apply them in another context.

Writing style
This is a basic but frequently neglected issue: is your essay easy to read? Is it written in a style which flows from one issue to the next? Are sentences and paragraphs used to good effect? Many marks are lost because of poor expression and writing style. Try to avoid complex and lengthy sentences and long paragraphs. It often helps to find someone to read through your work who is not as familiar with it as you are.

Referencing and plagiarism
Course participants are sometimes unaware of the academic rules relating to the citation of published work. Further details concerning referencing and plagiarism can be found later in this handbook. This is an extremely important topic and failure to comply with these rules can lead to failure in the course and even exclusion.

Overlap of materials
It is not acceptable to use the same material across two or more units of assessment. A certain amount of limited overlap (e.g. drawing on the same references or writing about different aspects of the same broad topic) is acceptable. However, you should not use essentially the same material
across two or more pieces of assessed work (e.g. developing the same argument at length, copying sections verbatim, or presenting the same literature review). If you are in any doubt about this issue you should consult your supervisor.

**Assistance with essays**
You may discuss the structure and content of any essay in general terms, or in the form of an essay plan, with your supervisor, but none of the team may read or comment on written work (draft or final).
PRESENTATION AND SUBMISSION OF ESSAYS

Essays should be typed or printed on A4 paper, single-sided and double-spaced with a 2.5-cm (one-inch) margin. Essays must be paginated. The cover page should include the following information:

- The name and year of the course.
- The student’s candidate number (please do not include your name anywhere on the front page or within the essay itself).
- The total number of words (excluding references).

The illustration below will give you an idea of a typical front page.

[Candidate Number] Pen...
Essay no.

[Full title of essay]

No. of words:

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Four print copies of the completed essay, together with a declaration form, should be sent by post to:

Lucinda Bowditch
The M.St. Course Administrator
Institute of Criminology
Sidgwick Avenue
Cambridge
CB3 9DA

to arrive on the date set (please see the list of key dates at the front of this handbook).

Students are asked to complete the declaration form with their name and candidate number, and to sign this, confirming that the word length has not been exceeded. A copy of the essay declaration form can be found on page 42 of this handbook, and a copy is also available on the Resources for Current Students page on the website.

An electronic version of the essay must be sent via email to ljb55@cam.ac.uk and also to Glenn Garner at gg384@cam.ac.uk by 11am on the due date. Please ensure that the electronic copy of your essay is complete in one document. Receipt of an electronic version will be accepted as proof that the assignment has been sent should the print copies be delayed in the mail. The Institute of Criminology has introduced a system whereby electronic versions must be submitted to Turnitin, a software programme for the detection of plagiarism – please see pages 46-9 for details about Turnitin and how to submit your essay.

Please do not post your essays by Special Delivery to be delivered before 9am as the front door is not open before 9am and it can take several days to get the essays.
Late Submission and Extensions

Students should submit each essay by the stated deadline. Essays not submitted by a particular deadline (without prior approval from the Senior Examiner) will be considered late.

Reasons and supporting documentation

There are three reasons an extension may be granted:

- medical: this must be supported by a letter from your consultant or GP;
- special operational circumstances: this must be supported by a letter from a line manager;
- exceptional personal circumstances: this requires a strong supporting letter from your personal tutor.

Written applications for an extension should arrive well in advance of an essay deadline (except in exceptional circumstances). Essays submitted without an approved extension will only be marked if there is time to do so before the meeting of the Board of Examiners.

Where extensions are granted, they will be marked as soon as feasibly possible but feedback may be delayed. An extension of more than two weeks is not normally given and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

In cases where extensions have not been granted, the Exam Board reserves the right to deduct marks for late submissions. Essays that are submitted up to a week late risk the deduction of 10 per cent of the given mark (i.e. rather than 10 absolute percentage points), while those submitted more than one week late risk the deduction of up to 20 per cent of the given mark. Essays submitted after this point, without an approved extension, will not be accepted.
ESSAY DECLARATION FORM

PLEASE ATTACH ONE COPY OF THIS FORM TO ONE COPY OF YOUR ESSAY WHEN SUBMITTING

Please submit an electronic copy to Lucinda Bowditch, Institute of Criminology (ljb55@cam.ac.uk and gg384@cam.ac.uk) **no later than 11.00am** on the due date, an electronic copy to Turnitin and 4 paper copies all due to arrive on the submission date set.

Please do not send Special Delivery before 9am.

I declare that the essay does not exceed 3,000 words (4000 words for Essay 5)

I declare that the essay is entirely my own work

Signed: ..............................................................................................................

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AVOIDANCE OF PLAGIARISM
UNIVERSITY-WIDE STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM

The General Board, with the agreement of the Board of Examinations and the Board of Graduate Studies, has issued this guidance for the information of candidates, Examiners and Supervisors. It may be supplemented by course-specific guidance from Faculties and Departments.

Plagiarism is defined as submitting as one's own work, irrespective of intent to deceive, that which derives in part or in its entirety from the work of others without due acknowledgement. It is both poor scholarship and a breach of academic integrity.

Examples of plagiarism include copying (using another person's language and/or ideas as if they are a candidate's own), by:

- quoting verbatim another person's work without due acknowledgement of the source;
- paraphrasing another person's work by changing some of the words, or the order of the words, without due acknowledgement of the source;
- using ideas taken from someone else without reference to the originator;
- cutting and pasting from the Internet to make a pastiche of online sources;
- submitting someone else's work as part of a candidate's own without identifying clearly who did the work. For example, buying or commissioning work via professional agencies such as 'essay banks' or 'paper mills', or not attributing research contributed by others to a joint project.

Plagiarism might also arise from colluding with another person, including another candidate, other than as permitted for joint project work (i.e. where collaboration is concealed or has been forbidden). A candidate should include a general acknowledgement where he or she has received substantial help, for example with the language and style of a piece of written work.

Plagiarism can occur in respect to all types of sources and media:

- text, illustrations, musical quotations, mathematical derivations, computer code, etc;
- material downloaded from websites or drawn from manuscripts or other media;
- published and unpublished material, including lecture handouts and other students' work.

Acceptable means of acknowledging the work of others (by referencing, in footnotes, or otherwise) vary according to the subject matter and mode of assessment. Faculties or Departments should issue written guidance on the relevant scholarly conventions for submitted work, and also make it clear to candidates what level of acknowledgement might be expected in written examinations. Candidates are required to familiarize themselves with this guidance, to follow it in all work submitted for assessment, and may be required to sign a declaration to that effect. If a candidate has any outstanding queries, clarification should be sought from her or his Director of Studies, Course Director or Supervisor as appropriate.

Failure to conform to the expected standards of scholarship (e.g. by not referencing sources) in examinations may affect the mark given to the candidate's work. In addition, suspected cases of the use of unfair means (of which plagiarism is one form) will be investigated and may be brought to one of the University's Courts. The Courts have wide powers to discipline those found guilty of
using unfair means in an examination, including depriving such persons of membership of the University, and deprivation of a degree.

Notes on the avoidance of plagiarism: a message from the Senior Examiner
(These notes have also been approved by the External Examiner)

Why is this so important? The point of the assessment procedures is to allow the examiners to evaluate how well candidates have understood the theories, concepts and data discussed during the course and their ability to apply that understanding. The only way such an evaluation can be made is if candidates express these theories, concepts and ideas in their own words. Sometimes it is necessary to quote the actual words used by other scholars, but the academic world has developed conventions to ensure that this is done in an open and honest way which makes it clear to all when quotations are being used. The Course Handbook outlines the main conventions regarding acknowledgement of sources, but they are also explained in the lectures, and supervisors are always ready to give further guidance if you need it. The excessive use of such openly acknowledged quotations, however, is never a good strategy because it might indicate that the candidate is hiding behind the quotations rather than displaying an understanding of what they actually mean. Our strong advice is thus to write your assignments in your own words except where a direct acknowledged quote helps to reinforce the point you are making.

While the excessive use of acknowledged quotations is poor practice, the use of unacknowledged quotations (passing off someone else’s words as though they are one’s own) is considered a form of cheating. The point of this message is to try to make clear the way in which matters concerning plagiarism are dealt with in the Certificate/MSt in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management. These notes are consistent with the Statement on Plagiarism provided by the General Board of the University, and represent the course specific guidance referred to in that statement.

When assessment was largely through time-limited examinations the use of unacknowledged quotations was more difficult (though not impossible). If a candidate was caught sneaking in pre-written notes, or if s/he communicated with someone in the outside world, then the issue of intent was clear enough and the penalties for cheating were both swift and severe.

On a course where assessment is carried out on the basis of essays written by students at home, in the library, or in their own time, the scope for direct unacknowledged quotation is obviously much greater. Students may have the original works open before them as they work and simply copy them, stitching extracts from several original works together to form a (more or less) coherent whole. This kind of plagiarism is usually easily detected because of different writing styles by different authors, and often the linking passages in the student’s own words may stand out from the rest. Students now also have access to a wide variety of sources on the internet and may simply cut and paste them to create an essay which is in no sense their own work. Where examples of this kind are discovered, and it is apparent that there is a deliberate attempt to pass off the work of others as though it is the student’s own, the matter is likely to be dealt with as a disciplinary offence. The consequences of being found guilty of plagiarism are profound, perhaps especially for those employed in the criminal justice system, and extend far beyond possible failure of the course and exclusion from the university. At the least, these would involve embarrassment and shame at work and at home, but perhaps may include loss of promotion prospects or even dismissal. It would clearly undermine all the benefits that students may hope for by attending the course in the first place.

Thankfully, such outright cases of deliberate intention to cheat have been extremely rare on the MSt programme. However, it is also possible that students may fall foul of the rules on plagiarism without intending to do so, as a result of poor work and study practices and a failure to absorb/apply the rules and advice provided. A common bad habit which can lead to this is, when doing the preliminary reading for an assignment, to take notes but fail to record whether these notes are
direct quotations from the original or the student’s own wording of what the original text is about. Later, when writing the essay, the student copies material from notes into the essay, no longer knowing or remembering whether it is a direct quote or not. Sometimes it is clear that there is no intent to cheat because the student acknowledges the original author but fails to put the relevant passage in quotation marks with the exact source of the original in parentheses. The same effect may occur when a student underlines or highlights passages in a text as an aide memoire and then successfully recalls them when writing the essay. Although these examples are less serious than deliberate cheating they cannot be ignored. Whenever they are discovered they will be noted and every effort will be made to give feedback to students at the earliest opportunity so that poor work practices can be eliminated in future. But in all cases the examination board will be informed of the plagiarised material. Depending upon the extent of the unacknowledged material the examination board may decide to deduct marks even, in the more extreme cases, to the point of failing an essay which would result in an automatic oral examination and the risk of failing the course as a whole. The lesson is, when taking notes always put direct quotations within inverted commas and note the exact bibliographic reference including the page number so that it can be properly cited in the text. Also, resist the shortcut of underlining or highlighting passages in books or articles (and NEVER do this in sources which belong to the library!).

The M.St. programme uses the software programme Turnitin both as a methodological tool for detecting similarities between essays and published sources and websites, and as a formative tool for giving feedback to students. Full details of the procedure and consent forms will be provided at the seminar on the avoidance of plagiarism.

At least one session in Study Block A will be devoted to good academic practice in citations or referencing and the avoidance of plagiarism.

Dr Ben Crewe
Course Director

**STUDENT INFORMATION FOR THE USE OF TURNITIN UK TEXT-MATCHING SOFTWARE FOR THE MSt IN APPLIED CRIMINOLOGY, PENOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT IN THE INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY**

**Introduction**

The University subscribes to Turnitin UK software, which is widely used in UK universities and matches text in work submitted to the software to that in a large database of online sources. This document explains how Turnitin UK will be used by the Institute of Criminology and explains the implications of submitting your work to the software. You are asked to read the information thoroughly and then sign the attached declaration to show that you consent to your work being submitted to Turnitin UK as described in this document. You are reminded that Turnitin is only one method of checking the originality of your work. Examiners may initiate the standard investigative procedures if they have unresolved queries about the originality of your work, regardless of whether Turnitin has been used or whether it has substantiated any concerns. The University Advocate may decide to prosecute a student suspected of plagiarism even if that student has not consented to the use of Turnitin. In such circumstances the student may be specifically asked by the Advocate to consent to submission to Turnitin, and a failure to consent will be proved as part of the evidence against him or her.
Plagiarism and good academic practice: your responsibilities

You should ensure that you are familiar with the discipline-specific guidance about referencing conventions and good academic practice which is issued by the Institute of Criminology. If, after reading the guidance, you have any outstanding queries you should seek clarification at the earliest opportunity from your Director of Studies or supervisor.

One seminar in the first study block is devoted exclusively to *Essay Writing and the Avoidance of Plagiarism.*

The statement by the General Board is also printed in this Handbook and is posted on the University's plagiarism website [www.cam.ac.uk/plagiarism](http://www.cam.ac.uk/plagiarism), which also features links to useful resources and guidance.

About Turnitin UK text-matching software

Who controls the service?

Turnitin UK is part of the JISC Plagiarism Advisory Service (JISCPAS). This University is the recognised Data Controller for the data held and processed by, or on behalf of, the service. An American company, iParadigms, is the Data Processor.

How does Turnitin UK work?

Turnitin UK may detect direct plagiarism, paraphrasing and collusion when submitted work is compared with a vast database of online material and with a 'private' database of previous submissions. Therefore, submitting work to the database helps to protect it from future attempts to plagiarise it, and helps to maintain the integrity of the University's qualifications.

The software makes no judgement about whether a student has plagiarised, it simply shows the percentage of the submission that matches other sources and produces an originality report which highlights the text matches and, where possible, displays the matching text and its immediate context.

In many cases the software highlights correctly cited references or 'innocent' matches. Therefore, Examiners will carefully review all originality reports to determine whether the work does contain plagiarism.

How will Turnitin UK be used on the M.St. in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management?

Turnitin will be used on work submitted for assessment of the M.St in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management:

a. as a tool for giving feedback to students as part of department-based teaching of good academic practice, by scanning work through the software early in the academic year, going through resulting originality reports with students and addressing any issues that may arise;
b. to deter potential plagiarists and to act as an incentive to follow good academic practice. The Turnitin software programme is extremely sensitive, and will pick up even minor forms of plagiarism;
c. to help Examiners to detect the source of plagiarised material in work submitted for assessment. Turnitin will be used in 'detect' mode where Examiners have significant concerns about the originality of the work.

The consent of students will be obtained at the start of the M.St. course.

All students will be required to submit their assignments to TurnitinUK at the same time as they submit them to the Course Administrator. (*Details on how to upload your assignments to TurnitinUK will be supplied in due course.*)
For the first assignment Turnitin will also be used as a teaching as well as a screening tool. That is to say the results will be used as a screening device for plagiarism but Turnitin results will also be given to supervisors who will discuss these with students when they discuss academic feedback from examiners the aim being to encourage good scholarly practice.

For subsequent assignments, including the dissertation, any Turnitin reports noting potential issues will be referred to the Course Director and, if necessary, to examiners marking the assignments. Examiners who suspect possible plagiarism may also refer assignments to the Course Director suggesting close scrutiny of the Turnitin reports.

The Institute recognises the limitations of Turnitin and it is important to say that experience of using the system on other courses in the Institute has so far suggested that there is very little problem – it should be regarded more as a mechanism for reassurance and a safeguard rather than a threat. It is also only one of the ways in which plagiarism is monitored.

The Institute will comply with the University's standard investigative and disciplinary process. The use of Turnitin will not disrupt the publication of class lists (although at present none are published by the Institute of Criminology).

What will happen if matches are identified between my work and another source?
If Turnitin UK detects matches between your work and another source, the Examiners will review the resulting originality report to judge whether the matches are innocent, or whether you have appropriately referenced these matches (if not, this may constitute plagiarism), and/or whether you have made excessive use of material from other sources (which may be poor academic practice).

The Examiners will mark your work purely on the basis of its academic merit. However, depending on the extent and context of the matches, your work may be referred to the Proctors for further investigation. In such cases the Turnitin UK originality report may be used as evidence. If you are found to have plagiarised the penalty may be severe and your degree may be withheld.

Will Turnitin UK affect my intellectual property rights or copyright?
The copyright and intellectual property rights of the submitted material remain wholly with the original owner (normally the student, with the exception of some collaborative or sponsored research projects). However, you are asked to permit Turnitin UK to:

- reproduce your work to assess it for originality;
- retain a copy of your work for comparison at a later date with future submissions.

Will my personal data be retained by Turnitin UK?
Material submitted to Turnitin UK will be identified by your examination number, course details and institution: personal data will not be used.

What will happen if text submitted by another student matches that in my work?

Matches to text submitted from other HE institutions

If a report generated by another institution identifies a match to your work the report will only show the extent of the match and the contact details of the University’s Turnitin UK Administrator. If approached, the Turnitin UK Administrator will attempt to contact you about the matter. The contents of your work will not be revealed to a third party outside Cambridge without your permission.
Matches to text submitted from within the University

If a match is found to material submitted from within the University, the Examiners can obtain the full text without approaching you.

How do I apply for my work to be removed from Turnitin UK?

Work submitted to Turnitin UK will be stored indefinitely on the Turnitin UK database unless you specifically request that it be removed. To maximise the effectiveness of the software it is hoped that such requests will be kept to a minimum. However, once examinations have been concluded, you may at any time contact the MSt Administrators to request that your work be removed.

Sources of further information and support

The University's plagiarism website: www.cam.ac.uk/plagiarism
Turnitin UK's website: www.jiscpas.ac.uk/turnitinuk.php

Submitting an essay to Turnitin.

- Search for ‘CamTools’ on your internet browser.
- Sign in using your Raven password
- Click on Assignments, and then on the relevant Essay (e.g. Essay 1, 2012)
- Click on Add Assignments, and then Browse to find the saved version of your essay. Add this, then Continue and click on Submit.
GUIDANCE ON REFERENCING

There are various websites you can also visit for assistance:

http://www.neilstoolbox.com/bibliography-creator/
http://www.harvardgenerator.com/
http://harvardreferencgenerator.com/
http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/plagiarism/students/referencing/

These are just a few, you will be able to find others!

The following sets out essay referencing rules for all circumstances. Many of them will not apply to you and a simplified version of the rules will be the subject of a lecture in Block A.

References in the text of the article

Normal practice follows the Harvard system of referencing, using the following forms:

Various authors have shown (Walker 1969; Thomas 1970) that sentencing is...; or
As Nigel Walker (1969) writes...; or
This was confirmed in a further study (Walker 1969, p.69) where it was found...

Where the same reference has been quoted more than once, repeat the form given in (a) above.
Please do not use the expressions ‘ibid.’ or ‘op. cit.’

Where you have cited more than one work by the same author published in the same year, add a lower case letter of identification: (Walker 1969a), (Walker 1969b).

Please do not use the number form of references, i.e. Walker(1) has written...

Some references cannot easily be reduced to this form, such as newspapers, parliamentary debates, etc. In such cases it is permissible to put the reference in the text (in parentheses if appropriate) without any listing in the list of references at the end; e.g. (The Times, 31st July 1977).

List of references at the end of the text

The list is alphabetical by author’s surname (in lower case). This should be followed by author’s initial(s) (not full forename(s)) and then by the year of publication in parentheses.

Different types of publication need to be cited differently. This means for instance that the entry for a book chapter will look different from the entry for a journal article. It is therefore important that you look closely at this guidance section when writing a reference list to indentify which format is the correct one for a particular document type

Where more than one work by the same author has been cited, list these chronologically.

Where you have cited more than one work by the same author published in the same year (see 1c above) list them with the author’s name followed by each work in alphabetical title order.
If the name used in the text is that of an editor, e.g. of a collection of papers, it should appear in the text as (Ruck 1951), but in the list of references it becomes: Ruck, S.K. (ed.) (1951).

If a work has two authors (or editors) use '(x) and (y)'.

* e.g. Walker, N.D. and McCabe, S. (1973)… or
  Jones, B.S. and Smith, J. (eds) (1973)…

If a work has more than two authors, use either '(x), (y) and (z)' or '(x) et al.'

* e.g. Walker, N.D. et al. (1975).

**A book**

The author’s name and year of publication should be followed by:

- The title of the book (in *italics* and with initial letters in capitals)
- The subtitle of book if present (only capitalise the initial letter of first word)
- The edition or volume (if appropriate)
- The place of publication
- The publisher

See the following examples, which also show the appropriate punctuation:

**Example:**


**A book chapter in an edited book**

- The author’s name and year of publication, followed by:
- Title of the chapter (in single inverted commas, with initial letters in lower case)
- The word “in” followed by the name(s) of the editor(s) of the book, which in turn is followed by the abbreviation “ed.” or “eds”, if several editors
- The title of the edited book
- The place of publication
- The publisher
- The page numbers of the chapter

**Example:**

A journal article

The author's name and year of publication should be followed by:

- The title of the article (in single inverted commas, with initial letters in lower case)
- The full name of the journal (italics)
- The volume number and issue number (where given)
- The first and last page numbers of the article

See the following example, which also shows the appropriate punctuation:

Example:

NB (i) Do not use ‘pp.’ with page numbers in listing journal articles, etc.

An internet publication

- The authors name or name of the organisation releasing this information
- The date on which it was put on the website (if there is no date available write: “n.d”. (i.e. no date)
- The title of the document
- The date of when you retrieved it
- The URL where it can be accessed.

Example:

British official publications

These should be listed by the name of the department, e.g. Home Office; or by the name of the author (especially with Research Studies, cf. 2h above); or by the name of the report if obviously well known, e.g. Kilbrandon Report (1964).

NB Advisory Council papers should be listed under Advisory Council and not as Home office. For example:

Example:

These publications should be followed by the ‘Command Number’ if appropriate or, if not a Command Paper, as ‘London: H.M.S.O.’ Please note that H.M.S.O. is a publisher and not an author. For example:
Example:

**Foreign Official Publications:** list by the name of the country or state, followed by the name of the issuing agency, e.g. United States, Federal Bureau of Prisons. These should include place of publication and publisher, e.g. Washington: G.P.O. For example:

Example:

*A pamphlet or occasional paper*

If this is part of a series put the name of the series and the number of the paper *in brackets* after the title. For example:

Example:

NB This instruction applies to pamphlets in the Home Office Research Studies, which should appear under the author's name and *not* under 'Home Office'.

(ii) The format for citation varies slightly if it is an article in a book or pamphlet, for example:

Example:

**Unpublished theses, papers, etc.**

The title should be in single inverted commas, and at the end state in *parentheses* the source: e.g. (Unpublished in Ph.D. thesis, University of Manchester); (Unpublished address to Howard League Annual General Meeting, October 1976). *This should include the word ‘Unpublished’, so that librarians do not waste time searching for the item among published sources.*

**Acts of Parliament (statutes) and legal cases**

These can be included in separate sections after the list of references. The format is the same as for references in the text of the article:

Example:
Statutes
Example:

Cases
R v. G and another [2003] UKHL 50
R (Giles) v. Parole Board [2003] UKHL 42.

A lecture or seminar

In text: Brevity and clarity are usually more impressive than long lists (Ebdon, 2007 - See more at: http://lrweb.beds.ac.uk/guides/a-guide-to-referencing/BREO#sthash.rz2MLyOD.dpuf)

The elements which should be included in your bibliography/reference lists are:

(i) Author / lecturer

(ii) Year (in round brackets)

(iii) Title of lecture (in italics)

(iv) [Lecture to... and campus]

(v) Location and date of conference

(vi) Day and month

Example:

PART THREE - YEAR TWO

THE ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

Progression
Any course participant who has successfully completed year one to the required standard is eligible to apply to continue to the second year. Intermission of more than 12 months is not encouraged and is only permissible by formal application through the Course Director to the Degree Committee of the Faculty of Law.

Assessment
Year two builds on work completed in year one. It includes submission of a 3,000-word fourth essay, which may require students to apply knowledge acquired on the course to a current topic of practical concern, and a research methods assignment, which may be closely linked to the thesis topic. This module, together with the substantive knowledge gained in the first year, helps students prepare for the thesis.

Submission of Essays and Extensions
The procedure for handing in the final essay and the methods assignment and the rules governing extensions are the same as for year one. Submission dates are listed at the front of this handbook.

The Thesis
For the purpose of the thesis, we encourage students to undertake original data collection (whether this involves the use of surveys, interviews, observations, etc). Students should also consider secondary analysis of already existing documents, interviews, datasets, official statistics, etc. Such work counts as empirical research, in that it involves using someone else's data in a new way or to answer a question that has been chosen by the student. It is also acceptable to conduct a systematic review, so long as this conforms to the formal criteria that will be set out in the relevant seminar. Some theses might best be done from the library, for example, when they are highly theoretical or involve the synthesis of ideas from fields that do not normally mix. Students will not be penalised for this kind of 'desk-based' work, but should check with their supervisor that they are being sufficiently ambitious. Most students will find it easier to say something original by collecting new data or working with existing data rather than drawing on books and articles alone. A thesis cannot simply be a review of existing literature i.e. the summary or re-hashing of existing arguments, debates and findings.

The thesis can be on any topic chosen by the course participant and agreed in collaboration with their supervisor. It must be clearly written, take account of previously published work on the subject, and represent a contribution to learning. The thesis comprises an extended piece of work (not exceeding 18,000 words). Theses submitted by course participants from earlier years are available in the Institute library for reference. Typically, they comprise about 75 A4 pages of double-spaced text, broken down into between three and six chapters.

It is advisable to think about the topic for the thesis as early as possible, particularly if their research will require them to go through convoluted assessment procedures. Students might like to discuss their topic with their line manager, in case there is a possibility of conducting research that will be of direct interest to their employer.

A thesis topic and a short proposal of about one side of A4 must be submitted after discussion with the supervisor at the end of Block D (the methods module). The exact title must be agreed by the
supervisor and formally approved by the External Examiner and the Degree Committee of the Faculty of Law (See Date Sheet). **Participants are strongly discouraged from attempting to change the title of their thesis after formal approval.**

Four bound copies of the thesis and one electronic copy must be submitted to the Course Administrator by the due date which is listed at the front of this handbook, together with a signed declaration and a 250-300 word summary. The electronic copy should be submitted to Turnitin, a software programme for the detection of plagiarism. (Please see the relevant page of this handbook for further details). The supervisor and thesis advisor may read a draft of chapters and make suggestions for change provided these are submitted by the due date listed at the front of this handbook.

If the thesis exceeds the permitted length of 18,000 words, or if the thesis is submitted late without prior permission, marks may be deducted. If the thesis is over the word limit, only the first 18,000 words will be assessed.

In the second year, those candidates whose performance in the dissertation, or in any other aspect of the assessed written work for the course, is considered to be borderline, and where there is a possibility of failure, will be called for an oral examination. An oral examination may also be called for by the Senior Examiner at his/her discretion, if this is considered desirable for any other reason. The oral examination will be in the presence of the External Examiner and the two internal examiners of the dissertation (or, in circumstances of unavailability, a substitute internal examiner). Other internal examiners may also be present at the discretion of the Senior Examiner. The oral examination will always cover the dissertation and may additionally cover other aspects of the candidate’s work which are in question or any other topics considered by the Senior Examiner to be relevant. Candidates called for oral examination will be informed in advance of the topics to be addressed in the oral examination, and if they wish, may be accompanied by their supervisor.

The Board of Examiners will consider the candidate’s overall performance in: written assessments; any oral examination where this has been conducted; and the thesis, before deciding to recommend to the Degree Committee and the Board of Graduate Studies that the candidate be awarded the Master of Studies degree. Oral examinations will take place on the date shown in the list of key dates at the front of this handbook, and all participants must ensure that they will be available on the dates proposed. Any candidate who does not reach the standard for the Master of Studies Degree after this process will still be eligible for the Postgraduate Certificate.

A marginal failure may be compensated by a strong performance elsewhere, at the discretion of the Board of Examiners, who make recommendations to the Degree Committee of the Faculty of Law.

Like the essays and methods paper, the thesis is double marked by two internal examiners. All theses are made available to the external examiner for moderation.

**Word Limits**

The word limit for the fourth essay is 3,000 words including footnotes or endnotes. The word limit does not include references. Appendices will not be accepted.

For the text of the methods assignment and the thesis, the word limits are 4,000 words and 18,000 words respectively, footnotes may be included in the dissertation but should be included within the word count. References are not included in the word count. However, for these assignments students may submit appendices which are essential supporting documents. These might include, for example, questionnaires, interview schedules, or notes on the statistical analysis, but appendices should be as brief as possible and should not normally exceed 10% of the word length for the assignment. Examiners will not be expected to read appendices which, in their judgement, are not material to the assignment. An electronic count of the number of words should be given on
the face sheet of all written work. If any assignment exceeds the word limit, only the first 3,000 words (for essay 4), 4,000 words (for methods assignment), (18,000 words for the thesis) will be assessed.

Extensions
Students should submit each essay by the stated deadline.

The rules governing extensions for the thesis are different from the first year. A short extension (e.g. of up to one week) can be granted by the course director, but students should not assume that such extension requests will be successful. Ordinarily, an extension will only be granted in the event of severe and serious illness, special operational circumstances or exceptional personal circumstances. The course director will require supporting documentation to be provided for short extensions.

Extensions of more than one week require:

- Medical circumstances/reasons: this must be supported by a letter from your consultant or GP;
- special operational circumstances: this must be supported by a letter from a line manager;
- exceptional personal circumstances: this requires a strong supporting letter from your supervisor.

Please note that such requests will normally only be considered if a formal request is received by the date given at the front of the handbook. Requests received later than this will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. In circumstances where extensions of more than one week are granted, theses will be marked once submitted but will only be put forward for recommendation to the next Board of Examiners' Meeting. These meetings are generally scheduled for December and February, which means graduation will be delayed. The formal request for an extension must specify the time lost and the length of the extension, if granted, will be appropriate to the period of time during which the student was unable to make progress on his/her thesis. The Degree Committee will scrutinise all extension requests and their decision is final.

In cases where extensions have not been granted, the Exam Board reserves the right to deduct marks for late submissions. Essays that are submitted up to a week late risk the deduction of 10 per cent of the given mark (i.e. rather than 10 absolute percentage points), while those submitted more than one week late risk the deduction of up to 20 per cent of the given mark. Essays submitted after this point, without an approved extension, will not be accepted.

Dissertations that are submitted up to two weeks late risk the deduction of 10 per cent of the given mark (i.e. rather than 10 absolute percentage points), while those submitted more than four weeks late risk the deduction of up to 20 per cent of the given mark. Students who do not submit dissertations at this point, without an approved extension, will be assumed to have withdrawn from the course.
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YEAR TWO SYLLABUS 2015

Block D: 16 - 27 March

Research methods

- Developing Your Research Idea (Dr Ben Crewe)
- Linking Theory & Research (Professor Sir Anthony Bottoms)
- Finding Literature (Librarian)
- Qualitative Data Collection (Dr Caroline Lanskey & Dr Ben Crewe)
- Qualitative Data Analysis (Dr Caroline Lanskey & Dr Ben Crewe)
- Documentary Research (Dr Caroline Lanskey)
- Questionnaires & Surveys (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)
- Data Analysis: Descriptive Statistics (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)
- Data Analysis: Beginners’ Inferential Statistics (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)
- Action Research and Insider Research (Dr Ben Crewe)
- Choosing a Research Design: applying methods in practice (Dr Ben Crewe & PhD students)
- Writing up a Proposal (Dr Ben Crewe)
- Research Access and Ethics (Dr Ben Crewe & Robin Moorre)
- Doing a Literature Review (Dr Ben Crewe)
- PhD Lunchtime Poster session
- Focus Group on Foreign Nationals in Criminal Justice System (Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe & Dr Caroline Lanskey)

- Oral Presentation of Research Ideas – small group discussions (Dr Crewe + other members of staff, PhD students)

Block E: 6 – 17 July

Workshops and Surgeries

- Doing a Literature Review (Dr Ben Crewe)
- SPSS I: Introduction and How to Enter Data (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)
- SPSSII: How to do Analyses (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)
- Thinking Qualitatively (Dr Caroline Lanskey & Dr Ben Crewe)

- Survey Design – Informal workshop (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)
- Easy Statistics Using Online Calculators (Dr Barak Ariel)

Oral Presentations

60
Block F: 14-25 September

Workshops and Surgeries

- SPSS surgery I (Dr Barak Ariel)
- SPSS surgery II (Dr Barak Ariel)
- Qualitative Methods Workshop 1: coding and analysis (Dr Caroline Lanskey & Dr Lucy Willmott)
- Qualitative Methods Workshop 2: presentation and writing up (Dr Caroline Lanskey & Dr Ben Crewe)
- Qualitative data surgery (Dr Caroline Lanskey)
- Answering Your Questions on Writing Up a Thesis (Ben Crewe)
- Getting Published (Dr Ben Crewe)
- Oral Presentations

Block D is fairly intense building on research methods teaching from year 1.

During Blocks E & F, students will be asked to make oral presentations on their theses. The remainder of the time will be spent attending workshops and surgeries relevant to their own particular study, supervisions, library work and time to progress with their theses away from some of the distractions of normal duties. It is up to students to manage their own time during these last two blocks,
The research methods assignment is both an opportunity to display your understanding of research principles and processes, and a kind of 'dress rehearsal' for the thesis. It should be based on your proposed research idea, with all the constraints of time and resources that this involves, although you might want to draw attention to the limitations of the thesis compared to a more comprehensive piece of research.

You might find it helpful to look at the Economic and Social Research Council website, to get a sense of what research councils expect from a research proposal.

http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/Support/research_award_holders/FAQs2/index1.aspx
http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/Support/research_award_holders/FAQs2/index2.aspx

Assignments should contain:

- Title page specifying the topic and the exact question or issue you are addressing.
- Abstract (a summary of the proposal, maximum 200 words, giving a brief description of the research using language easily understood by a non-specialist).
- Introduction /Background
  - Provide some sense of why your topic is interesting and worthy of study
  - Conduct a brief review of past literature on the topic, describing what others have found, and what the limitations are of past research (e.g. methodological or theoretical problems; key omissions, etc).
  - Describe your proposed research, including the key aims.
- Research question(s)/Hypotheses
  - Clearly articulate the topics and issues you wish to explore, providing as much conceptual clarity as possible
  - Include detail about the primary research questions and/or hypotheses
  - Refer to relevant theories and theoretical issues as appropriate
- Research Design and Methods
  - Summarise your proposed research design (e.g. exploratory study, descriptive study, evaluation study, experimental design; single method, multiple methods y) and outline the specific methods used (e.g. observation, postal questionnaires, structured or unstructured interviews, documentary sources, secondary data etc). Explain why this is best suited to providing the answers to your questions. If you are using a mixed methods approach, clearly identify this and briefly explain why you have chosen this approach.
  - Specify how you will identify and select your research sample, if appropriate. If you are using secondary data, specify the source of the data and examples of the key variables you will use.
  - Provide a clear description of your data collection materials (e.g. questionnaires, interview questions) and the procedure for data collection. Include some examples of your data collection materials i.e. some of the specific questions that you will ask, either in interviews or surveys; or the issues you will observe; or the experimental
stimuli, as relevant. Use the appendix to provide further detail, where necessary. Make sure that it is clear what you will be asking/measuring/observing.

- If there are any non-standard ethical issues relevant to your study (beyond standard concerns with informed consent, confidentiality and anonymity, for example), please include some detail in the main body of your proposal about how you intend to address them. In addition, all proposals should include an appendix answering some standard questions about ethical issues. (See next page). This will help the MSt team to assess whether your proposal needs to be reviewed more fully by the Institute's ethics committee. You will be sent the relevant pro-forma when you are here during Block D.

- Indicate how your research will address or overcome the limitations of previous studies, or will complement past research.

- **Data Analysis**
  - Describe the proposed methods of analysis (e.g., qualitative, statistical) including the limitations and advantages of the chosen techniques.
  - Articulate why you have chosen this technique/these techniques over others.

- **Other Considerations**
  - Briefly detail the main methodological/operational risks and how these will be mitigated
  - Highlight the potential generalizability, reliability, and validity issues of your chosen research design.

- **Conclusion**
  - Highlight the potential relevance of your proposed research to policy, practice, or some other aspect of applied criminology
  - State the other potential implications of your findings, including their contribution to relevant theory/literature

- Include a reference page listing all sources cited in the text.

- **Appendix**: where relevant, include no more than two pages containing further examples of your proposed materials (e.g., sample survey questions, experimental stimuli, sample coding scheme, interview questions etc).

The word limit for this assignment is 4,000 words excluding title page, abstract, references and appendices. All completed assignments must be emailed to Lucinda Bowditch (ljb55@cam.ac.uk) by 11am on 28 April 2015 with another electronic copy submitted to Turnitin and four paper copies to arrive no later than 29 April 2015.

Please do not send Special Delivery before 9am. The front door is not open before 9am and it then takes several days to get these delivered after 9am.
**ETHICAL ISSUES PRO-FORMA**
*(Please attach a copy of this form to each paper copy of your essay)*

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If there are any other potential ethical issues or risks, please provide further detail below:

Please describe the steps you will take to deal with the issue(s) you have noted above:
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The Thesis

The thesis should normally be based on empirical research, and can be on any topic chosen by the student and agreed in collaboration with their supervisor. The thesis comprises an extended piece of work not exceeding 18,000 words. The best theses submitted by students from earlier years are available in the Institute library for your reference. Typically, they comprise about 75 A4 pages of double-spaced text organised into three to six chapters.

You should think about the topic for the thesis as early as possible and discuss this with your supervisor and where appropriate with your line manager in the agency where you work.

A thesis title and a short proposal (about one side of A4) must be submitted to the Course Administrator at the end of Block E, after discussion with your supervisor. The exact title must be agreed with your supervisor before submission to the Degree Committee of the Faculty of Law for formal approval.

You are strongly discouraged from changing the title of your thesis after it has been formally submitted and accepted. Nevertheless, it is possible to apply to the Degree Committee of the Faculty of Law for approval to change a thesis title if this is really necessary. Such an application will be considered by the Degree Committee only if it is supported by your supervisor.

Four hard copies of the thesis and an electronic copy must be submitted to the Course Administrator on or before the date specified in the list at the front of this handbook. An electronic version must also be submitted to Turnitin. Your supervisor may read and comment upon a draft of the thesis or parts of the thesis if this is submitted in a timely manner. Students should bear in mind that reading and commenting upon drafts is very time-consuming. Supervisors should not be expected to give detailed comments on wording – the thesis has to be the work of the student not the supervisor – but rather general comments on more strategic matters of approach and structure. Supervisors will not comment on more than one draft.

Your supervisor will supervise and provide support throughout the M.St. year. However, you may be allocated a second thesis advisor whose interests lie in your subject area. You may also consult any other member of staff about your thesis should you wish to do so.

You will be penalised in terms of marks awarded if the thesis exceeds the permitted length of 18,000 words (including notes and Contents pages, but excluding acknowledgements, appendices and the bibliography) or if the thesis is submitted late without prior permission.

All borderline students may be required to undergo a viva on their thesis (held at the Institute of Criminology), and all students must ensure that they will be available on the date specified at the front of this handbook.

The Research Proposal

To assist you with your dissertation proposal, your outline should:

- identify a subject for your research (or define a problem);
- identify areas of literature you need to address;
- identify a research design (or strategy) which will provide the best evidence on your research problem.
• describe how you are going to collect evidence (e.g. qualitative or quantitative data or both, or primarily library-based research);
• describe how you are going to organise and analyse the information;
• provide a timetable outlining when key stages of the research will be completed.

Formal Requirements for the Submission of the Thesis

According to the M.St. regulations your thesis must include some formal declarations, and a short summary. The summary should be bound in with the thesis after the title page.

The Summary
This should be 250–300 words in length and should accurately indicate the main topic of the thesis and the main conclusion(s) reached.

The Declarations
Three declarations are required. Please submit one copy to the Course Administrator. The declarations are:

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The Format

The thesis should be typed or word-processed on A4 paper, single-sided and double-spaced, with margins of at least one inch (2.5 cm). You may prefer a left margin of 1.25 inches (3 cm) to allow for space lost in binding. Pages *must* be numbered.

The thesis should be spiral bound, with a firm backing and a transparent cover sheet, and should include a title page (see sample opposite). Please send four bound copies of the thesis to Lucinda Bowditch, the M.St. Course Administrator.

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This is a reading list only. Further details on how to access readings will be found on the Resources for Current Students page of the website. Wherever possible, we list at least one essential reading for each seminar and will try and provide an electronic copy of this reading on the Resources for Current Students page of the website. We do not automatically provide copies of the further readings as these are for extra background information or when answering essay questions. As Masters students, you are expected to gain some competence in using library facilities and in doing literature searches but we also understand that you are all in busy jobs so we hope these further readings can be used to bridge that gap!

You should be able to access all the electronic reading material not only whilst you are in Cambridge but also when you are back home by use of your Raven password. If you have any difficulty doing this, please spend some time with the course administrators before you leave. Occasionally there can be technical glitches in accessing the journal articles. If this happens, you can also go to the ejournal link on the library webpage, which will allow you to search for the journal and then the article you need.

Please remember that although photocopying and printing cost 6p per page, you are able to scan and email documents to Hermes email address using the Institute photocopiers.

This reading list is constantly being updated as appropriate literature is published. We also reserve the right to amend the syllabus depending on the availability of speakers. You may use any of these readings when answering essay questions.

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**Block A**

**GENERAL**


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**CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY**

**Socio-Spatial Criminology (Professor Sir Anthony Bottoms)**

**Essential Reading:**


**Further Reading**
Deterrence Theory (Dr Justice Tankebe)

Essential Reading:


Further Reading

Legitimacy and Theories of Procedural Justice (Dr Justice Tankebe)

Essential Reading:


Further Reading

CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH
How To Write an Essay (Dr Ben Crewe)

**Essential Reading:**

University Statement on Plagiarism see [http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/plagiarism/](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/plagiarism/)


Introduction to Research Methods (Dr Ben Crewe and Dr Katrin Muller-Johnson)

**Essential Reading:**
None required.

Using and Combining Research Methods (Dr Ben Crewe and Dr Katrin Muller-Johnson)

**Essential Reading:**
None required.

Essay Writing (Dr Serena Wright and Dr Caroline Lanskey)

**Essential Reading:**
None required.

**MANAGEMENT IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Implementation (Professor Lawrence Sherman)

**Essential Reading:**


**Further Reading**

Classic Theories of Leadership (Dr Tim Coupe)

**Essential Reading:**

Further Reading


PRISONS AND IMPRISONMENT

Prison and the Problem Order (Professor Alison Liebling)

Essential Reading:


Further Reading


Conceptualising and Measuring Moral Performance in Prison (Professor Alison Liebling)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

Penal Power and Penal Pains (Dr Ben Crewe)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE
The Role, Functions and Shape of Community Penalties (Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe)

**Essential Reading:**

**Electronic Further Reading**

The Future of Probation, Public Risk and Public Interest (Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe and Jane Dominey)

**Essential Reading:**
Read relevant articles in the 2013 issue of *British Journal of Community Justice*, 11(2/3) ‘Transforming Rehabilitation. Under the Microscope’. ONLINE/PERIODICAL

**Further Reading**

Criminal Justice Policy in the Context of Late Modernity (Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe)

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**
• France, A. (2007) Understanding Youth in Late Modernity, Maidenhead: Open University Press. QVN

Release and Supervision (Dr Ruth Armstrong)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading
• Weaver, B. (2014) 'Managing high risk offenders in the community: compliance, cooperation and consent in a climate of concern', European Journal of Probation, 6(3): 278-295. ONLINE/PERIODICAL

SENTENCING, THE LEGAL CONTEXT AND COURT ISSUES

Theories of Punishment (Professor Julian Roberts)

Essential Reading:

Sentencing and Public Opinion (Professor Julian Roberts)

Essential Reading:

Further Readings

Criminal Justice Processes (Nicky Padfield)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

**Sentencing: theory, law and practice (Nicky Padfield)**

**Essential Reading:**


**Block B**

**CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY**

**Theorising and Reducing Global Violence (Professor Manuel Eisner)**

**Essential Reading:**

TBC.

**Control Theory (Dr Justice Tankebe)**

**Essential Reading:**


**Further Reading**


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Legitimacy 2 Power Holders Perspectives (Dr Justice Tankebe)

Essential Reading:


Further Reading

Routine Activities Theory (Dr Tim Coupe)

Essential Reading:


Further Reading
- Coupe, R.T. and Blake, L. (2006), 'Daylight and darkness targeting strategies and the risks of being seen at residential burglaries', *Criminology, 44*(2): 431-464. ONLINE/PERIODICAL

**Developmental Theories (Professor David Farrington)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

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**CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH**

**Reading Journal Articles and Interpreting Tables and Graphs (Dr Katrin Muller-Johnson)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

**Critiquing Qualitative and Quantitative Research (Dr Caroline Lanskey)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Essay Writing (Dr Caroline Lanskey, Dr Lucy Wilmott and Dr Serena Wright)**

**Further Reading**
Appreciative Inquiry (Charles Elliott)

Essential Reading:


Further Reading


Intermediate Outcomes (Gill Attril)

Essential Reading:

TBC.

**MANAGEMENT IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Managerialism and New Public Management (Dr Tim Coupe)

Essential Reading:


Further Reading

Market Liberalism, Criminal Justice and the Employment Relationship (Dr Amy Ludlow)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

Planned Change with Experiments (Peter Neyroud)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

PRISON AND IMPRISONMENT
The Work and Culture of Prison Officers (Professor Alison Liebling)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

**Management and Morality (Professor Alison Liebling and Dr Ben Crewe)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

**Prisoner Adaptation, Social Life and Culture (Dr Ben Crewe)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

**Long-Term Imprisonment (Dr Ben Crewe)**

**Essential Reading:**
Hulley, S., Crewe, B. and Wright, S. (under review) ‘Re-examining the problems of long-term imprisonment’

**Further Reading**

**Prisoners’ Families (Dr Caroline Lanskey)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading:**


The Pains of Parole (Dr Ruth Armstrong)

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading:**

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE**

**What works with Offenders: Including Meta-Analyses (Professor Friedrich Losel)**

**Essential Reading:**
None required.

**What Works with Sex Offenders (Dr Ruth Mann)**

**Essential Reading:**
TBC.

**Desistance (Professor Sir Anthony Bottoms)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

  ONLINE/PERIODICAL


**Culture and Practice in Probation Work (Dr Jake Phillips)**

**Essential Reading:**


Phillips, J. (2013) ‘Understanding ’the relationship’ in English probation supervision’, in I. Durnescu and F. McNeill (eds) *Understanding Penal Practice*, London: Routledge. (There are a number of chapters in this book which may also be of interest) QP7

**What works with Women? (Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**
• Follow up references in the Oxford Handbook chapter.
• See also the Ministry of Justice Section 95 statistics on ‘RACE’ and on ‘WOMEN’ (two separate reports) – Google Ministry of Justice Section 95 statistics and look at the most recent. ONLINE

**SENTENCING, THE LEGAL CONTEXT AND COURT ISSUES**

**Issues in Pre-court Decision-making: Discretion, Diversion and Discrimination (Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe and Nicky Padfield)**

**Essential Reading:**


**Further Reading**
Human Rights and Criminal Justice (Nicky Padfield)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

Restorative Justice (Dr Heather Strang)

Essential Reading:


Further Reading

Getting Out of Prison: Release and Recall (Nicky Padfield)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

**Block C**

**CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY**

**Situational Action Theory (Professor P-O Wikström)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

**Critical Criminology (Dr Ben Crewe and Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**
• Barton, A., Corteen, D, Scott, D. and Whyte, D. (eds) (2005) *Expanding the Criminological Imagination: Critical readings in criminology*, Cullompton: Willan. (See chapters one and two in particular. Chapter One is concerned with 'Developing a criminological imagination' (by the editors); Chapter two 'Critical criminology and the intensification of the authoritarian state' is by Reece Walters.) Q07

**Social Order and Legal Compliance (Professor Sir Anthony Bottoms)**

**Essential Reading:**
Further Reading


Anomie and Strain Theories (Professor Lawrence Sherman)

**Essential Reading:**


**Further Reading**


Tracking Legitimacy (Dr Justice Tankebe)

**Essential Reading**


CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Preparing for Your Thesis Year (Dr Ben Crewe)

**Essential Reading:**

None required.

**Management in Criminal Justice**

Organisational Cultures and Values (Dr Tim Coupe)

**Essential Reading:**


Further Reading


**Inter-Agency Leadership (Peter Neyroud)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

**Evidence-Based Budgeting (Peter Neyroud)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**
- HMIC (2013) Policing in Austerity: Rising to the challenge. **ONLINE**

**Accountability and Inspection of Criminal Justice Services (Professor Rod Morgan)**
Essential Reading:

**PRISONS AND IMPRISONMENT**

Suicide and Suicide Prevention (Professor Alison Liebling)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

Prisons and the problems of Faith, Identity and Character (Professor Alison Liebling)

Essential Reading:


Further Reading
Quality of Life in Public and Private Sector Prisons (Professor Alison Liebling and Dr Ben Crewe)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading


CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE

Electronic Monitoring (Professor Mike Nellis)

Essential Reading:


**Further Reading**


**Youth Justice (Dr Caroline Lanskey)**

**Essential Reading:**


Ministry of Justice (2013) *Transforming Youth Custody: Putting education at the heart of detention*, Cm 8564, Norwich: TSO. ONLINE

**Further Reading**


**Offender Management Trust and Desistance (Dr Ruth Armstrong)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading:**
• Onora O’Neill Reith Lectures on Trust- there are five to listen to or read, but the most important one is lecture 4. [http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/reith2002/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/reith2002/) ONLINE

**What Works in Offender Compliance (Professor Fergus McNeill)**

**Essential Reading:**

**What Works and ‘Desistance’ Frameworks (Professor Fergus McNeill)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

**Youth Justice (Professor Rod Morgan)**

**Essential Reading:**
Further Reading


SENTENCING, THE LEGAL CONTEXT AND COURT ISSUES

Risk and Public Protection (Hazel Kemshall)

**Essential Reading:**

TBC.

Treatment and Management of Dangerous Offenders (Dr Lucy Willmott)

**Essential Reading**


**Further Reading**


Victims' Experiences of Criminal Justice Processes (Dr Katrin Muller-Johnson)

**Essential Reading:**

None Required.
YEAR TWO READING LIST 2014

 BLOCK D

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**BLOCK D Research Methods**

**Developing your research idea (Dr Ben Crewe)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

**Linking Theory and Data (Professor Sir Anthony Bottoms)**

**Essential Reading:**

**My Thesis Experience (TBC)**

**Essential Reading:**
None required.

**Finding Literature (Stuart Stone, Librarian)**

**Essential Reading:**
None required.
Qualitative Data Collection (Dr Ben Crewe and Dr Caroline Lanskey)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

Qualitative Data Analysis (Dr Caroline Lanskey and Dr Ben Crewe)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading
- Becker, H.S. (1998) Tricks of the Trade: How to think about your research while you’re doing it, Chicago: Chicago University Press K4

Documentary Research (Dr Caroline Lanskey)

Essential Reading:

Further Reading

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**Questionnaires and Surveys (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

**Data analysis: Descriptive statistics (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

**Data analysis: Beginners inferential statistics (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Action Research and Insider Research (Dr Ben Crewe)**

**Essential Reading:**

**Further Reading**

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  *Punishment & Society* 1(1): 71-98. ELECTRONIC

Choosing a research design: Applying methods in practice (Dr Ben Crewe)

**Essential Reading:**

None Required.

**Writing up a proposal (Dr Ben Crewe)**

**Essential Reading:**


Research access and ethics (Dr Ben Crewe and Robin Moore)

**Essential Reading:**


Focus group on foreign nationals in criminal justice system (Dr Caroline Lanskey and Professor Loraine Gelsthorpe)

**Essential Reading:**


Prison Reform Trust (2014) *Bromley Briefings: Prison fact file*. (Section on 'Foreign national prisoners') ONLINE

**Further Reading**


• Fekete, E. and Webber, F. (2009) *Foreign Nationals, Enemy Penology and the Criminal Justice System*, European Race Bulletin 69, Institute of Race Relations. ONLINE


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Block E Workshops and Surgeries

Doing a Literature Review (Dr Ben Crewe)

Essential Reading:

SPSS 1: Introduction and how to enter data (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)

Essential Reading:
None Required.

SPSS 2: How to do analyses (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)

Essential Reading:
None Required.

Thinking Qualitatively (Dr Caroline Lanskey and Dr Ben Crewe)

General Reading:

Survey design- informal workshop (Dr Katrin Müller-Johnson)

Essential Reading:
None required.

Easy statistics using online calculators (Dr Barak Ariel)

Essential Reading:
None required.

Block F Workshops and Surgeries

SPSS Surgery 1 (Dr Barak Ariel)

Essential Reading:
None required.
SPSS Surgery 2 (Dr Barak Ariel)

Essential Reading:
None required.

Qualitative Methods Workshop: Coding and Analysis (Dr Caroline Lanskey and Dr Lucy Willmott)

Further Reading

Writing up qualitative research (Dr Caroline Lanskey and Dr Ben Crewe)

Essential Reading:

Qualitative Data Surgery (Dr Caroline Lanskey)

Essential Reading:
None required.

Answering your questions on writing up a thesis (Dr Ben Crewe)

Essential Reading:
None Required.

Getting published (Dr Ben Crewe)

Essential Reading:
None Required.
USEFUL FORMS

- **Essay Declaration Form** (one signed form to accompany each batch of essay submissions. Please fix the form to the front of one paper copy of your essay)

- **Ethical Issues Pro Forma**

- **Thesis Declaration Form** (one signed form to accompany each batch of essay submissions. Please fix the form to the front of one paper copy of your essay)

- **Request to Intermit form** *(completed form to be returned to the Course Administrators)*
ESSAY DECLARATION FORM

PLEASE ATTACH ONE COPY OF THIS FORM TO ONE COPY OF YOUR ESSAY WHEN SUBMITTING

Please submit an electronic copy to Lucinda Bowditch, Institute of Criminology (ljb55@cam.ac.uk and gg384@cam.ac.uk) no later than 11.00am on the due date, an electronic copy to Turnitin and 4 paper copies all due to arrive on the submission date set.

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I declare that the essay does not exceed 3,000 words (4000 words for Essay 5)

I declare that the essay is entirely my own work

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ETHICAL ISSUES PRO-FORMA  
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If you have answered yes to any of the questions above, please provide further detail below:

If there are any other potential ethical issues or risks, please provide further detail below:

Please describe the steps you will take to deal with the issue(s) you have noted above:
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**NB** Remember to included your Summary. (250-300 words).

Signed ____________________________________________________________
Instructions for completing the form for your MSt Intermission

Guidance

If you experience difficulties that are likely to continue for more than 6 months but less than 1 year, you should notify your MSt Supervisor and your MSt Course Director, to seek advice, given the particular circumstances, on intermitting from the course.

If you intermit then you are not permitted access to teaching sessions, supervisions or University resources for the period of the intermission; you are expected to take a complete break from study. For circumstances that are likely to continue for more than 1 year, one further intermission might in exceptional circumstances be approved otherwise you would normally be expected to withdraw from the course.

Note that applications to intermit based on pressures of work are unlikely to be approved unless the pressures are extraordinary. If intermission is requested for medical reasons, then you will also need to provide medical evidence from your Doctor, Counsellor or other appropriate medical professional. If you are funded by your employer, then you will need to provide a letter of support from your employer.

If you wish to intermit, then you will need to provide a statement of reasons using this form. The case must be supported by both your College and by the MSt Course Director.

The case will then be put to the Degree Committee for approval of the intermission. Your (research/dissertation) Supervisor (where applicable) and the ICE Registry should be notified of an approved intermission by the MSt Course Director/MSt Administrator.

Permission to return to the course must be sought at least a month prior to your intended return date and is conditional upon confirmatory evidence that the issues leading to the intermission have been satisfactorily resolved. Your Course Supervisor and your MSt Course Director should both review the case for a return from an intermission. Your thesis Supervisor (where applicable) and the ICE Registry should be notified of your return from an intermission by the MSt Course Director/MSt Administrator.

It is your responsibility to make sure that these instructions are followed. The details we give you below are specific to the type of application you have made.
**Formal Request to Intermit**

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| Application to intermit for the following period, please give dates: |
| Employer funded (y/n): |

Intermissions are normally permitted for medical, work or personal reasons. Please state these below and include (or attach) information such as medical certificates or letters of support from your employer. All disclosures will be treated with strict confidentiality.

| Have you notified your Supervisor: |
| (Y/N/NA) |

I confirm that the information that I have given in this application is complete and true.

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**MSt Course Director:**

**I recommend that this application be:**

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Completed forms to be returned to the MSt Administrator

_Student, Graduate/College Tutor, Supervisor and ICE Registry to be informed of the outcome by MSt Administrator._

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I took up the position of external examiner on this programme in February 2012. As in the previous academic year, I have had sight of a range of work from each of the assessed modules – including the top and bottom marks and a selection from between - in both the first and second years of the programme and have had an opportunity to comment on the proposed essay titles. The students who participate in the do not necessarily have a ‘conventional’ academic background. However, the level of work produced was, as in the previous year, consistently high in most cases, attesting to the quality of teaching and support provided on the programme to students who are also holding demanding professional positions. There is clear evidence from the work submitted that the students are engaging very effectively with the course material and producing some very solid work.

I continue to be particularly impressed by the quality of the individual feedback provided to students on their assessed work, which is both detailed and constructive. The amount and quality of feedback with regard to performance in the dissertation is particularly impressive. The grades awarded displayed a high level of internal consistency and were appropriate to the standard of the work. There were very few instances where I did not concur fully with the agreed grades (and even then recommended only very minor adjustment).

The programme requires that students who achieve marginal pass/fail grades be required to attend a viva voce, but does not allow for dissertations to be resubmitted. This means that students whose research is of potentially high quality, and whose dissertations could be passable were they to be re-worked in line with the examiners’ guidance, may fail the course. This seems unfortunate, and I would recommend that the university considers making it possible for students to resubmit work in some form.

As in my previous report I would also like to highlight the administration of the programme. It is extremely well organised and the academic and administrative staff are exceptionally helpful and efficient which makes the job of external examiner so much easier.

Prof Gill McIvor
13/02/14
Arriving by road
Cambridge is linked to London and the M25 by the M11 motorway; exit at Junction 11.

Arriving by rail
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