

Course Outline

School / Portfolio: Faculty of Education and Arts

Course Title: COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Course ID: CRJUS2471

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): (CRJUS1283 and CRJUS1284)

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): (ATSGC2471)

ASCED Code: 099903

Program Level:

AQF Level of Program						
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level						
Introductory	■	■	■	■	■	■
Intermediate	■	■	✓	■	■	■
Advanced	■	■	■	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Identify and analyse international criminal justice issues and procedures.
- K2.** Consider the role, functions and essential features of criminal justice systems in a range of countries.
- K3.** Identify and explain the issues which distinguish criminal justice systems in selected countries.

Skills:

- S1.** Critically assess, analyse and evaluate the challenges and responses of criminal justice systems in various parts of the world.
- S2.** Conduct comparative analysis of criminal justice systems and to identify problems encountered by regional, national and international criminal justice systems.
- S3.** Identify and critically compare the strengths and limitations of criminal justice systems in a diverse group of countries

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Apply critical thinking to key debates concerning evolving globalisation of crime and the need for cooperative efforts to combat organised and international crime networks.
- A2.** Explain the role of law enforcement and international tribunals and courts in confronting transnational crime.

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- A3.** Analyse international criminal justice systems and contextualise these within broader criminological typologies.

Course Content:

Topics may include:

Module One: History and Theory

- Comparative and International Studies of Criminal Justice
- Comparison of Legal Traditions

Module Two: International Perspectives

- An International Perspective on Law Enforcement
- An International Perspective on Courts
- An International Perspective on Corrections

Module Three: Case Studies

- Case Study: Policing in Japan
- Case Study: Judiciary and Corrections in Japan
- Case Study: Crime, Policing and Security in the Pacific

Module Four: Challenges and future directions

- Public Order Policing: A Global Approach
- Transnational Crime Types and Challenges Ahead
- The New International Policing: Law Enforcement Responses to International and Organised Crime

Values and Graduate Attributes:

Values:

- V1.** After successfully completing this course students will recognise the complexities of global offending behaviours and various responses to organized and transnational crime
- V2.** After successfully completing this course students will appreciate the role and cooperative efforts of international criminal justice agencies in coping with transnational crime.
- V3.** After successfully completing this course students will appreciate the various challenges faced by global law enforcement and court institutions in responding to international and organised crime syndicates.

Graduate Attributes:

Attribute	Brief Description	Focus
Continuous Learning	Students enhance their ability to identify and understand the development and role and of comparative criminal justice challenges and issues.	High
Self Reliance	Students consolidate their skills through independent research and analysis.	Medium
Engaged Citizenship	Students engage with values, ideas, concepts, debates and perspectives about contemporary and comparative criminological issues pertaining to international crime and law enforcement responses.	High

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Attribute	Brief Description	Focus
Social Responsibility	Students expand their understanding of comparative criminal justice procedures and processes, the nature of organised criminal behaviour and various law enforcement responses to crime.	Medium

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Task	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, S1, A1	Students will attend and participate in tutorials and will provide informed contributions to discussions.	Tutorial attendance and participation in class learning activities	5-10%
K1, K2, S1, S3, A1	Students will critique and share views on selected issues in criminal justice.	Written or oral responses to selected issues	5-15%
K1, K3 S1, S2, S3 A1, A2, A3	Submission of an informed, sustained and substantiated argumentative piece that applies academic evidence and theoretical knowledge to comparative and international criminal justice issues.	Research Essay	35-45%
K1, K2, K3 S1, S2, S3 A1, A2, A3	Students display comprehension of course materials, relevant concepts, debates and scholarly perspectives that they apply to critically analysis of comparative and international criminal justice issues.	Exam	35-45%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA