

Mentally Disordered Offenders and the Law

This module covers:

- The Mental Health Act 1983-background, development and current use
- The Mental Health Act 1983-Amendments
- The Human Rights Act
- The Mental Capacity Act
- Criminal law and the mentally disordered offender
- Psychiatric Defences and legislation for MDO's
- Mental Health Tribunals
- Civil law and the mentally disordered offender
- The mentally disordered offender in court
- Statutory care in the community
- Recent developments and proposed reforms
- Ethnic minorities within the Criminal Justice System/ Forensic Mental Health Care System
- Ethical issues concerning mentally disordered offenders
- Women in forensic settings

Credits

20 credits

Module Attendance Required

Mondays 1.30 - 4.30pm
10 sessions

Module Dates

2013/14

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 13:30 to 16:30
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th January
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February
4th, 11th March 2014

Assessment

A 4000 word assignment demonstrating an analysis of a group of offender patients in the context of the relationship between mental health and legal provision for care and treatment in hospital, other forms of institution or the community.

Academics involved in the delivery of this module

- **Dr Sharon Riordan** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/cem/NN/Riordan-Sharon.aspx>). Programme Leader and Lecturer in Forensic Mental Health Care, University of Birmingham
- Dr Carol McDaniel, Attending Psychiatrist Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care. Assistant Professor - Western University, Canada and Honorary Lecturer, University of Birmingham.
- Guest lecturers – all specialists in the field of Forensic Mental health

Stand Alone Course

This module can be taken as a stand alone course if required. To apply, please contact Programme Administrator, tel 0121 414 4515, email forensic@contacts.bham.ac.uk (<mailto:forensic@contacts.bham.ac.uk>).

Fee if taken as a stand alone course

For further information on fees please contact the Programme Administrator

Entry requirements if taken as a stand alone course

All applications will be considered individually.

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Course fact file

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