

## LLM Sentencing: Prison Studies

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### Module description:

This module explores the social, political, theoretical and legal issues raised in the imprisonment of offenders. It is concerned with the State's power to punish and how that power is manifested in the use of imprisonment and the creation of the prison 'experience'. Also, it evaluates recent trends in imprisonment and how penal policy has stimulated a particular punitive approach to imprisonment.

### Seminar topics:

- The Penal Landscape
- The Aims of Imprisonment: Explaining and Evaluating the Use of Imprisonment
- Trends in Penal Practice: Prison Privatisation, Hyper-Incarceration and the Rise of 'Supermax'
- 'Dangerousness' and Public Protection Measures
- Doing Time: The Experience of Imprisonment
- Imprisonment and Human Rights I (ECHR Articles 2 and 3)
- Imprisonment and Human Rights II (ECHR Articles 5, 6 and 8)
- Vulnerable Prisoners and Imprisonment (Elderly, Women and Children)
- Early Release Mechanisms, Parole and Community Supervision
- Life Imprisonment and Life without Parole