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| Module Title | SS3390 – Crime and Social Policy (10 ECTS) |
| Section One Module Content | This course will run in both Michaelmas and Hilary terms. The first part of the course presented in Michaelmas term focuses on comparative penal policy and systems of punishment, exploring the causes and consequences of penal expansionism over the past two decades. The second term explores the rise of new forms of urban policing and the regulation of ‘incivilities’, with a particular focus on the construction of ‘disorderly’, ‘disreputable’ and ‘anti-social behaviour’ and the impact of this form of policing on crime rates. |
| Learning Outcomes: | <p>At the end of the first part of the course, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand and evaluate key historical and contemporary criminological theories of punishment• Recognise and critically assess a number of perspectives related to the role of punishment and the penal system• Understand the various explanations that have been offered for variation in rates of incarceration• Critically apply these perspectives to a selected case study. <p>At the end of the second part of the course students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be familiar with the emergence of the concept of ‘anti-social behaviour’;• Understand theoretical and methodological underpinnings of the concept and the implications for public policy• Understand how such policies are implemented across a range of jurisdictions• Have a critical awareness of the blurring of civil and criminal law;• Understand the theoretical and empirical relationship between anti-social behaviour and crime. |
| Lecturer: | Professor Eoin O’Sullivan |
| Lectures and Tutorials | In Michaelmas term, the module will apply a blended learning technique, where the lectures will be delivered online via Blackboard and a 1.5-hour interactive seminar will be classroom based. |

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| | In Hilary term, there will be a conventional 2 hour classroom based lecture and one tutorial per week |
| Assessment 1: (Michaelmas Term) Assessment 2: (Hilary Term) | 1 assignment = 40 per cent of overall grade Online exercises – 10 per cent of overall grade Annual Examination = 50 per cent of overall grade Penalties will be applied for late submissions where an extension has not been authorised. |