

Access to Higher Education Unit

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Unit Title: Sociological Explanations of Crime

Graded Unit Reference Number: GA33CRI07

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UA33CRI07

Module: Criminology

Level: Three (3)

Credit Value: Three (3)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 30

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand the contribution of sociological theories in the criminological debate	1.1 Evaluate the influence on criminological development of sociological theories, including Marxism, Functionalism and New Left
2. Understand the principles of feminist theories relating to crime	2.1 Evaluate concepts of crime from a feminist point of view, including concepts of patriarchy, socialisation, dark number and chivalry
	2.2 Critically evaluate key feminist positions in criminology, e.g. those of Smart, Cain and Carlin
3. Understand the impact of sub-cultural theories in the criminological debate	3.1 Explain what is meant by a criminal subculture
	3.2 Evaluate the influence on criminological developments of the theories of Cohen, Cloward and Ohlin, Matza and Miller
4. Understand the principles of interactionist theories	4.1 Discuss the social construction of deviance with reference to policies such as 'stop and search'
	4.2 Explain the labelling process with particular reference to the work of Howard Becker

4.3 Evaluate the concepts of primary and secondary deviance