

External Examiners' Report

Please note that the completed report form will be made available to students and staff therefore please do not identify individual students or staff by name or candidate number. If you wish to bring to the attention of the University issues pertaining to a confidential matter, please add this to the Year covered by

report	2022/2023
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Name of External Examiner	Mark Littler
Home Institution	Liverpool Hope University
Programme being examined	LLB and BA Criminology, BSc Professional Policing
Modules examined	Terrorism, Cybercrime, Zemiology, Media, Crime and Control, Drugs and the Criminal Justice System, Race, Ethnicity and Religion, Research Methods
Date of Report	1/7/2023

Information and Guidance

1. Did you:	Y	N
Receive adequate access to any material needed (including assessment regulations, student handbook, programme specification and module descriptors) to make the required judgements?		X
For newly appointed External Examiners:		
Were assessment policies and your duties as external examiner adequately explained to you?		
Did you have adequate briefing and guidance sufficient for you to fulfil your role effectively as an external examiner?		
For existing External Examiners:		
Has appropriate action been taken in respect of comments made in your last examiner's report?	X	
<p>If "No" to any of the above, please comment below:</p> <p>Provision of supporting materials (handbooks, programme specs, and module descriptors) was – at times – patchy. In particular, it would have been helpful for assessment briefs and marking criteria to be provided alongside samples of work for moderation, as is the practice at other institutions at which I have examined. This did occur for some modules, but in other cases I was simply provided with a sample of assessments and a grade sheet, making moderation more challenging.</p> <p>While I appreciate that I have seen assessment documentation earlier in the year, it would be useful for these to be reissued along with samples of work. Equally, for most modules I have not been provided with student handbooks or programme specifications at any point during the year.</p>		

Standards and Design of Assessment

2a: Did you receive:	Y	N
Draft assessments to comment on?	X	
Acknowledgement that your comments had been considered appropriately? If "No", please comment below:	X	
2b: Please comment on the following:		

If “Yes”, how many and which ones?

Criminology and Policing Exam board, 30th June 2023

5b: Conduct of the Board:

Were the Boards you attended conducted in accordance with the University Assessment Regulations, including procedures relating to students with concessions?

Y	N
X	
X	

Were you satisfied with the recommendations of the Board?

If “No” to any of the above, please comment below:

This programme appears to provide a good preparation for work and further study.

Areas of Good Practice

7a. Are there are particular features of student assessment that you would like to highlight as being innovative?

Several assessments appear to draw on authentic assessment principles, and should be commended.

7b. Are there are any particular areas of good practice in relation to standards and assessment processes that would be worthy of dissemination to a wider audience?

Assessment design appeared interesting, authentic, and aligned with sector best practice. This should be commended.

Other Comments

8a. Do you have any suggestions for ways in which the University would enhance the student learning experience?

I would encourage the development of a consistent approach to feedback, greater sharing of assessment documentation, and the provision of a greater time period to complete external review.

8b. Do you have any other comments to make on areas not covered elsewhere in this report?

No.

Signed:

I understand that this report (in full or part) will

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carl Anderson'.

Date: 1/7/23

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