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Marxist Perspectives in Criminology

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This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!

Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Prerequisites	The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.				
Main themes	 Theoretical aspects: gain an in - depth understanding of basic concepts of Marxist analysis and its epistemological, theoretical, methodological and ethical connotations. Application aspects: gain an in-depth knowledge of criminological literature written (or claimed to be written) from a Marxist perspective Methodological aspects: familiarization with different methods of producing and analyzing data used in Marxist criminological and penological analysis; Ethical aspects: raise awareness amongst students of ethical, epistemological issues pertaining to Marxist analysis. Assessment of the uses, purpose and effects of research conducted on the basis of this perspective. 				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: At the end of the course, students will have learnt the skills and methodology required to: - consider the validity, truth, method and scientific nature of the Marxist perspective (dialectical materialism) and draw their own conclusions for criminological research; - carry out research using this perspective and read the research of others with a critical eye.				
Evaluation methods	Attendance at this course is required. In accordance with article 72 of the General Regulations for Studies and Examinations, the Professors may propose to the jury that a student who has at least three unjustified absences for the course, be refused registration for the January, June or September session. The evaluation aims to measure the acquisition of the learning outcomes specified above. For this course, students are assessed on the basis of two works: A. Compulsory group work presented orally by groups during the term. This group work counts for 40% of the final grade. This work will go with a personal reading note by each student on a scientific text related to the theme of the presentation, to be submitted during the term. This reading note will not be subject to a specific evaluation but will be accompanied, if necessary, by pedagogical feedback from the teachers. Only students who have participated in the group work and submitted this note will be allowed to submit their personal work (B) at the end of the term. B. Compulsory personal work (in French) to be submitted at the end of the term = personal study of a question dealt with in the group work (60% of the final mark). The final mark is the weighted average of marks A and B. The use of IA in personal essays must be justified and mentioned, otherwise the test will be annulled for cheating.				
Teaching methods	The active participation of the students will be requested throughout the seminar in three forms: discussions following the oral presentations, comments on the readings and personal or collective work. The seminar will also be a place where epistemological questions related to the research work of the students will be debated.				
Content	Analysis of the recommended texts during seminars aims to highlight and deconstruct prejudices about criminology that can arise right at the start of the learning process. These texts are from the different disciplines that are constitutive of the field of criminology.				
Inline resources	On Moodle: Compulsory and optional reading texts PowerPoints from the course sessions				

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	Audio-visual documents			
Bibliography	Textes et bibliographies disponibles sur Moodle.			
Faculty or entity in charge	ECRI			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in Criminology	CRIM2M	6	LCRIM2111 AND LCRIM2104 AND LCRIM2105 AND LCRIM2106	Q		