

191-440 The New Punitiveness?

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus. .
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: .
Prerequisites:	Entry into the Postgraduate diploma or Honours in Criminology or Socio-legal studies, or entry into the Master of Criminology 200-point program.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	.
Coordinator:	Dr Mark Brown
Subject Overview:	This subject focuses on the idea that since the 1970s there has been a rise in punitiveness right across the developed nations of the west. The subject asks students to identify and understand the different domains in which punitiveness might reside and have notionally been increased. It will introduce students to key debates within contemporary criminology concerning the extent, substance and reasons for changes in punitiveness. The subject will explore through a series of case studies the experiences of nations that have seen apparent rises in punitiveness as well as countervailing cases, such as in the Scandanavian countries and Canada, which seem to have escaped the trend. On completion of the subject students should have an understanding of both the data and explanatory and theoretical arguments concerning what has been seen as a major defining feature of most western nations, recent history: the inexorable rise of punitive attitudes and practices.
Assessment:	A written essay plan of 500 words worth 10% (due mid-semester) and a 4500 word written essay (due at end of semester).
Prescribed Texts:	A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Notes:	Formerly available as 191-531 Penal Policy and Practice. Students who have completed 191-531 are not permitted to enrol in this subject.
Related Course(s):	Master of Criminology (CWT) Master of Public Policy and Management (Coursework) Master of Social Policy Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Criminology) Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Socio-Legal Studies)