



HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA

Semester-I

LL.M. (One-Year Programme)
Criminal Psychology & Restorative Justice

Course Code: LM-106
Credit: 02

Introduction:

This course focuses on fundamental principles of criminal psychology and restorative justice. It delves in to the issue of crime and criminal behaviour and outlines the challenges such as expectations, the needs of victims, the offenders and communities from a justice system. It is a unique amalgamation of two subjects, one aspect dealing with psychological disorders and criminal behaviour and the other with the responses to the needs of victim and offender after the crime is perpetrated.

Course Objectives:

1. The course aims to develop understanding of the principles of criminal psychology to enable students in better understanding of criminal behavior;
2. It aims to develop an interdisciplinary perspective while understanding crime and reasons for its occurrence;
3. It will help students in critical understanding of commission of crime and reasons thereof;
4. The course further aims to provide insights into concomitant issues such as restorative justice and role played by different agencies.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Strengthen the understanding of crime and reasons behind it.
2. Application of fundamentals of criminology and restorative justice principles to situations of crime and associated areas.
3. Students will be able to understand the various issues regarding commission of crimes.
4. Students will develop critical understanding of various issues like juvenile delinquent, repeated offenders and role of corrections institutions.

Module –1

Introduction to criminal Psychology

- 1.1 Meaning, purpose and scope of criminal psychology;
- 1.2 Theoretical Approaches to Criminal Psychology;
- 1.3 Definitions of criminal behavior;
- 1.4 Human Aggression and violence in crime;
- 1.5 Mental illness and crime.

Module –2

Social Structure and Criminal Psychology Application

- 2.1 Social Psychological theories and Criminal Behaviour;
- 2.2 Psychological factors and crime;
- 2.3 Juvenile Delinquency and Women Offenders;
- 2.4 Criminal justice and responses to crime;
- 2.5 Correctional Psychology – prisons and offenders.

Module-3

Introduction to Restorative Justice

- 3.1 Restorative Justice and Understandings of Justice in Religious Context;
- 3.2 Experience of harm and trauma;
- 3.3 Needs of Victims;
- 3.4 Response of Retributive Justice and Restorative Justice;
- 3.5 Need of Offenders- accountability and punishment.

Module –4

Restorative Justice in Severe Violence and Large Scale Wrongdoing

- 4.1. Cases of Severe violence and application of restorative Justice;
- 4.2. Restorative Justice and social order;
- 4.3. Addressing Systematic and structural Injustice – Need of Communities;
- 4.4. Restorative Justice and Sexual Abuse;
- 4.5. Restorative Justice and policy development.

Prescribed Books:

1. Russil Durrant, An Introduction to Criminal Psychology, Tylor and Francis 2nd Ed. 2018.
2. Davis Canter, Criminal Psychology, Hodder Education, London, 2008.
3. Marguerite Ternes, Philip R. Magaletta *et. al.* The Practice of Correctional Psychology, Springer International Publishing, 2018.
4. Zehr, J. & Towers, B. *eds.*, Critical issues in Restorative Justice, NY Criminal Justice Press, 2004.

Suggested Readings:

1. Aida Y. Hass, Chris Moloney and Williams J. Chambliss, Criminology: Connecting Theory, research and Practice, Routledge, London, 2019.
2. Godobo-Madikizela, A Human Being Died that Night: A South African Story of Forgiveness: Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2003.
3. Umbreit, M. & Armour, M., Restorative Justice Dialogue: An Essential Guide for Research and Practice, Springer, New York, 2010.

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