

PSS103 Crime, Justice and Punishment

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

PSS103 Crime, Justice and Punishment aims to increase students' awareness and critical understanding of the key concepts and theoretical approaches in the area of crime, justice and punishment. This course highlights the justification for punishment and the consequences of criminalisation and punishment on the individual, community, and state. By understanding the socio-economic and political implications of crime and punishment, students will be able to better appraise the policies and practices in those areas.

Topics:

- Introduction to the Universality of Crime and Punishment
- Durkheim: Punishment, Social Consciousness and Solidarity
- Marx: The Political Economy of Punishment
- Neo-Marxism: Punishment as Ideology and Class Control
- Foucault: Punishment, Governmentality and Technologies of Power
- Weber: The Rationalization of Punishment
- Goffman's Spoilt Identities: Punishment, Interactionism, and Culture
- Punishment as a Cultural Agent
- Punishment as Social Institution
- Punishment and Basic Rights
- Inequalities in Punishment
- From Criminal Justice to Public Safety

Textbooks:

David Garland: Punishment and Modern Society: A Study in Social Theory (eText) The University of Chicago Press

ISBN-13: 9780226922508

Learning Outcome:

- Define the major concepts and theoretical perspectives relating to punishment of criminal and deviant behaviour
- Review the contemporary social, political and public concerns regarding public safety and security
- Outline the policies relating to crime, justice and punishment
- Discuss strategies that shapes public perception and attitude towards criminal punishment
- Explain the differing perspectives on crime, justice and punishment
- Formulate practices aligned with principles related to crime, justice and punishment
- Identify issues derived from punishment

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

| Components | Description | Weightage Allocation (%) |
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| Overall Continuous Assessment | PRE-COURSE QUIZ 1 | 5 |
| | TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1 | 15 |
| | GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT 1 | 30 |
| Overall Examinable Components | Written Exam | 50 |
| Total | | 100 |