

PSS311 Desistance from Crime

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

PSS311 Desistance from Crime highlights theories connected to desistance from crime and identifies ways to operationalize the theories into policies and practices. By reviewing the different theories that explain why people stop offending, students will be able to formulate strategies that support offenders and prevent them from engaging in offending behaviors. This course also guides students to consider policies and formulate strategies that contributes to desistance.

Topics:

- Understanding desistance from crime
- Desistance theories
- How and why people stop offending
- Understanding recidivism/repeat offending
- War on persistence
- Individual factors
- Structural factors
- Policies and rules
- Community based sentencing
- Narrative therapy
- Best practices
- Research and outcomes

Textbooks:

Rocque, M.: Desistance from Crime: New Advances in Theory and Research (2017) 1st Edition
Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN-13: 9781137572349

Learning Outcome:

- Illustrate the concept of desistance from crime
- Analyse ways to prevent offending
- Appraise desistance theory in the rehabilitation process
- Apply theories of desistance in the rehabilitation process
- Determine factors that support desistance
- Formulate intervention that supports desistance from crime

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-COURSE QUIZ 1	5
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	20
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	20
	DISCUSSION BOARD 1	5
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100