

# **SWK384 Rehabilitation and Criminal Justice Systems**

**Level:** 3

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JAN

## **Synopsis:**

This course provides students with a basic knowledge of theories of deviance that are applied in social work policy and practice. It will begin by discussing concepts of deviance, crime, justice and systems of rehabilitation or punishment. Various theories of deviance will be discussed and the intervention options towards crime are examined. Contemporary or emerging issues on crime and deviance will be explored and intervention strategies will be examined. In particular, the course looks at the rehabilitation and criminal justice systems in Singapore, how these systems intersect with social work and client systems. Various community and institutional rehabilitation options are discussed, together with how incarceration impacts on families and children. Intergenerational factors of crime will also be examined.

## **Topics:**

- Deviance, crime, justice, social control, rehabilitation and punishment.
- Crime and punishment in history; trends in crime.
- Victimisation, victims and offenders.
- Theories on crime and deviance; criminal justice systems.
- Impact of incarceration on families and children, intergenerational factors in crime.
- Youth justice and young offenders.
- Drugs and crime.
- Cybercrime and digital technology.
- Working in prison services.
- Working in probation services.
- Working in courts.
- Social change, social resilience and crime in Singapore.

## **Textbooks:**

Craig, L.A, Gannon, T.A, Dixon, L.: What Works in Offender Rehabilitation: An Evidence-Based Approach to Assessment and Treatment (2013) <eBook> Wiley-Blackwell  
ISBN-13: 9781118328934

**Learning Outcome:**

- Compare and contrast different theories of crime and deviance.
- Identify and explain key concepts related to crime, deviance and rehabilitation.
- Appraise the different types of criminal justice systems and the rehabilitation options toward crime or deviant behaviour.
- Examine and discuss contemporary issues of crime, deviance and rehabilitation.
- Relate and apply theories of deviance on rehabilitative practices for ex-offenders, offenders and reintegration efforts in Singapore.
- Examine the impact of incarceration on families and children.
- Examine and discuss the roles of social workers in criminal justice and rehabilitation systems in Singapore.

**Assessment Strategies (Daytime Class):**

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