

NIRMA UNIVERSITY

Institute:	Institute of Law
Name of Programme:	B.A., LL.B (Hons.), B.Com.LL.B(Hons.)
Course Code:	2CRM841
Course Title:	Criminal Psychology
Course Type:	Department Elective <input type="checkbox"/>
Year of Introduction	2021-2022

Credit Scheme

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Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

At the end of the course, students will be able to -

1. Appreciate the relationship between human behaviour and crime.
2. Relate the application of psychology in court proceedings.
3. Analyse the factors behind criminal tendency.
4. Apply knowledge of Criminal Psychology and use of Forensic tools in criminal investigation and proceedings.
5. Develop socio-legal skills for introducing therapeutic jurisprudence.
6. Apply and analyse perspective of Restorative Justice and Neurocriminology for Offender-Victim legal rehabilitation.

Syllabus:

Total teaching hour: 60

Unit

Syllabus

Teaching hours

10 Hours

Unit-I

Psychology and Crime

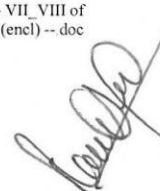
- 1.1. Introduction: Meaning, purpose and scope of criminal psychology
- 1.2. Psychological vs psycho-analytical approach to crime
- 1.3. Behaviourist approach to crime.
- 1.4. Definition of criminal behaviour: Psychodynamics of Criminal Behaviour
- 1.5. Mental Illness and Crime.
- 1.6. Human Aggression and Violence to Crime

Unit-II

Criminal Personality

12 Hours

- 2.1 Definition of Personality: Difference between criminal personality and normal personality
 - 2.1.1 Learning Criminal Behaviour
 - 2.1.2 Instrumental Learning.
 - 2.1.3 Social Learning
 - 2.1.4 Frustration Induced Criminality
 - 2.1.5 Sub-Cultural Perspective
 - 2.1.6 Situational Factors



	2.2 Factors and Determinants of Personality Psychopaths and psychopathic personality	
Unit-III	Psychometric Test: Its Use in Criminal Behaviour 3.1 Measurement of Criminal Behaviour: Psychological test to measure Criminal Behaviour 3.1.1 Criminal Profiling: Definition and Process of Profiling Criminal Personality 3.1.2 Factors underlining Criminal Profiling 3.1.3 Merits and demerits of Criminal Profiling	10 Hours
Unit-IV	Forensic Psychology: Concept and Importance Definition, meaning and scope of forensic psychology 4.1 Historical Background of Forensic Psychology in India and Abroad 4.2 Role of Forensic Psychologist in the Investigation of Crime 4.3 Psychology and Police 4.4 Introduction to Therapeutic Jurisprudence Application of Psychology in Court 4.5 Application of Psychology in Prison 4.6 Introduction to Neurocriminology 4.7 Introduction to Restorative Justice & Case Studies	14 Hours
Unit-V	Various Techniques of Investigative Agency Effective tools and techniques of interviewing and interrogation 5.1 Techniques of Brain Mapping, Polygraph, Spectrograph and Voice Test 5.2 Evidentiary Value of the above techniques: Issue regarding their admissibility in the court of Law 5.3 Issues of Reliability of these techniques 5.4 International Practices 5.5 Potential Conflict of these techniques with the rights of the accused of fair trial. 5.6 Case Discussion on Forensic Tools Applied	14 Hours

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