

**Institute of Social & Cultural Studies  
Faculty of Behavioral & Social Sciences  
University of the Punjab, Lahore  
Course Outline**



<b>Programme</b>	BS Criminology	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>BSC203</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	3
<b>Course Title</b>	Mass Media & Crime				

**Learning outcomes**

After studying course, the students will be able to;

- develop a critical awareness of the ways in which crime and criminal justice agencies have been and are portrayed by media institutions.
- have in-depth analysis and understanding of the crime-politics-media nexus, through a critical investigation of the development and nature of ‘law and order politics’ and the media’s fascination with crime
- understand the effect of the media on public opinion.

**Content**

**Unit 1.: Introduction**

- Understanding media and crime
- Researching media

**Unit 2.: The crime-media relationship**

- Theorizing crime and the media
- The construction of crime News: News Values, Newsworthiness and News Production
- The media and Moral Panics

**Unit 3.: The Media Portrayal**

- The Media Portrayal of crime and criminals
  - The Media Portrayal of Victims

**Unit 4.: The Media and Criminal Justice System**

- New Media Technology and Crime
- The Media, Punishment and Public Opinion
- Crime, entrainment and creativity
- Police and the Media
- Courts and the Media
- Diversity, Crime and the Media: Victims and Offenders
- Media and the Fear of Crime

**Assessment & Examination**

• Crime Surveillance and Risk			
Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1	Midterm Assessment	35%	It take place at the mid-point of the Semester
2	Formative Assessment	25%	It is continuous assessment. It includes classroom participation, attendance, assignments, presentations, homework, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, quizzes etc.
3	Final Assessment	40%	It take place at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.

**Recommended Books**

- Clifford, K., & White, R. (2017). *Media and crime: content, context and consequence*. Oxford University Press.
- Marsh, I., & Melville, G. (2019). *Crime, justice and the media*. Routledge.
- Salter, M. (2016). *Crime, justice and social media*. Routledge.
- March and Melville (2008). *Crime, Justice and the Media*, Published by Rout ledge
- Chris Greer (2010). *Crime and Media*, Published by Rout ledge
- Jewkes, Y. (2004). *Media and Crime 1<sup>st</sup> ed*. London: Sage Publications
- Williams, P. and Dickinson, J. (1993). *Fear of Crime: Real all about it? The Relationship between Newspaper Crime Reporting and Fear of Crime*. British Journal of
- Criminology Surette, R. (2007). *Media, Crime and Criminal Justice (3<sup>rd</sup> ed)*. Belmont: Thomson Wadsworth