

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



Programme	BS Criminology	Course Code	BSC204	Credit Hours	3
Course Title	Theoretical Perspectives on Crime and Criminals				

Learning outcomes

After studying the course, the students will be able to

- i. understand about various theoretical perspectives about crime, criminals and criminality
- ii. comprehend theories provide explanation of causation of criminal behavior.
- iii. explain the classical, neo-classical, positivists and other theories are discussed to provide clear understanding about criminality
- iv. describe criminological thoughts, psychological theories and structural perspective are discussed.

Content

Unit 1.: Early Explanation of Criminal Behavior

- The origins of criminological theory
- Theological perspective
- Supernatural explanation

Unit 2.: Criminological School of Thoughts

- Classical
- Neo-classical
- Positive schools of criminology
- Social process theories
- Social conflict theories
- Radical/conflict schools
- Social learning
- Social control

Unit 3.: Biological Theories

- Bio-chemical factors and autonomic nervous system on Criminality
- Positive school of thought

- Physique and crime
- Genetics and behaviour

Unit 4.: Psychological Theories

- Mental disorder and criminality
- Psychiatric approach
- Intelligence and crime
- Personality theory
- Cognitive theory
- Behavior theory

Unit 5.: Social Structural Theories

- Ecological theory
- Sub-culture theories
- Conflict theories
- Learning theory
- Anomie, strain and juvenile culture
- Social control theory

Assessment & Examination

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

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1. George B. Vold, Thomas J. Bernard, Jeffrey B. Snipes. (1998). *Theoretical Criminology*. Oxford University Press, New York

2. Hagan, J. (1987). *Modern Criminology; Crime, Criminal Behaviour, and its Control*. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company.
3. Mannheim, H. (1960). *Pioneers in Criminology*. Chicago: Quadrangle Books.
4. Seigel, L. (1989). *Criminology*. St. Paul, M. N.: West Publishing Company.
5. Sutherland, E. and Cressey, D. (1966). *Principles of Criminology*. New York: Lippencott.
6. Roberts, A. R. (1994). *Critical Issues in Crime and Justice*. California: Sage Publications.
7. Cavan, R. S. (Latest Ed.). *Criminology*. New York: Thomas Y. Grow Company.
8. Barlow, H. D. (1984). *Introduction to Criminology*. Toronto: Little, Brown and Company