

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



Programme	BS Criminology	Course Code	BSC209	Credit Hours	3
Course Title	Criminal Psychology				

Learning outcomes

After studying the course, the students will be able to;

- i. understand criminal psychology, Personality disorder and criminality
- ii. explain personality disorders relationship with criminality
- iii. understand the importance of mental health in order to control the crime

Content

Unit 1.: Introduction to criminal psychology

- o Definition
- o Perspective on human nature
- o Approaches of criminal psychology

Unit 2.: Personality disorder and criminality

- o Definition
- o Types (mental and physical)
- o Psychosis and criminality
- o Neurotic criminals
- o Mentally retarded criminals

Unit 3.: Mental health issues

- o Evaluation of Competency
- o Criminal Responsibilities and the Insanity Defense
- o Civil Commitment of the Insane
- o The Prediction of dangerousness
- o Aggression Potential
- o Suicide

Unit 4.: Psycho-Therapy of Victims

- o Typical Reactions after Assault: Fear, Surprise, Anger and Guilt

- Victimization: Facing Victimization
- Counseling

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 behaIVor, hands-on-actiIVties, 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

1. David, G. M. (1988). *Social Psychology*. New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc.
2. Frank B. M. and McMahan, J. J. W. (1983). *Abnormal Behaviour–Psychology’s View*. Illinois. The Dorsey Press, Homewood.
3. Hilgrd, E. R. and Atkinson, R. C. (1967). *Introduction to Psychology*. New York: McGraw – Hill, Inc.
4. Leonand, G. (1995). *Criminology*. Toronto: Allyn and Bacon.
5. Richard, R. B. and Joan, R. A. (1988). *Abnormal Psychology*.