

## **GPA 427 Criminology**

**Pre requisites:** None

### **Learning objectives:**

This course provides an introduction to the study of crime and the criminal justice system. It aims to examine the historical origins and contemporary theoretical perspectives on the causes of crime and criminality. It intends to explore some of main elements of a criminal justice system including nature and type of criminal investigations.

### **Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- Analyze the basic terms and concepts relevant to the study of criminology
- Develop a critical understanding of some of the key theoretical debates in historical and contemporary criminology
- Demonstrate analytical knowledge of criminal legislation.

### **Course Contents:**

Definition, meaning and scope of criminology. Theoretical perspectives on criminology: Social Disorganization theory. Strain theory. Social Control theory. Learning theory. Labeling Theory. Islamic perspective on deviance and crime. Juvenile Delinquency. Juvenile Justice System. The Criminal Justice System. Criminal Investigation. Techniques of Investigations. International Policing and Criminal Justice Monitoring Organizations. Modern Concepts in Contemporary Criminology.

### **Text books**

1. Carrabine, E., Cox, P., Fussey, P., Hobbs, D., South, N., Thiel, D., & Turton, J. (2014). Criminology: A sociological introduction. Routledge.
2. Walklate, S. (2007). Understanding criminology: Current theoretical debates. McGraw-Hill Education (UK).
3. Crime, Justice and Society: An Introduction to Criminology
4. Vold, G. B. (1958). Theoretical criminology.

5. Bohm, R. M., & Vogel, B. (2010). A primer on crime and delinquency theory. Cengage Learning.