

1	Course Title	CRIMINAL LAW
2	Course Objective	This course aims to introduce students to the foundational principles of criminal law, focusing on its purpose, scope, and application within the Pakistani legal system. It offers a comprehensive understanding of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC), 1860, covering both general principles and specific offences, including crimes against persons, property, and public order. Students will learn key legal concepts such as mens rea, actus reus, strict liability, and criminal liability, while developing the analytical skills necessary to interpret statutory provisions and apply them to real-life scenarios. The course also explores the criminal justice process, including arrest, bail, trial, and sentencing procedures under the Code of Criminal Procedure, and emphasizes critical evaluation of case law and judgments. Additionally, it encourages engagement with contemporary issues such as gender-based violence, terrorism, cybercrime, and legal reform, ultimately preparing students for legal practice or advanced academic research in criminal law.
3	Course Learning Outcomes	By the end of this course, students will be able to: 1. Identify and understand the core principles of criminal liability, including actus reus, mens rea, general defenses, and classifications of offenses under PPC 1860. 2. Comprehend knowledge of major criminal offenses, punishments, and Islamic criminal law principles, including crime types, intent, and liability. 3. Critically analyze the judicial interpretations, statutory provisions, and distinctions among criminal acts such as theft, abduction, and defamation. 4. Apply criminal law doctrines to real life scenarios involving investigation, charging, and legal evaluation of offenses under the PPC and Islamic law.
4	Prerequisites if any	NA
5	Course Code	LLB-218

6	Credit Hours	03																							
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8	Detail of Lab work, and workshop practice, if applicable	NA														
9	Textbooks/Reference books with dates	1. Law of Crimes, i. Pakistan Penal Code 1860, By M.Mahmood,2024 2. Rashid, Pirzada Mamoon, The Pakistan Penal Code 1860, 2024 3. Mahmood, Shaukat, The Pakistan Penal Code 1860, 2023														
10	Nature of Assessments	As per NUST Policy														