



Master of Laws (Criminal law Group)
LL.M. (Criminal Law Group) Semester-I

Course Code	PL01ELCR51	Title of the Course	Principles of Criminal Law
Total Credits of the Course	5	Hours per Week	

Course Objectives:	<p>1. Apply a systematic approach to the acquisition of knowledge, underpinning Concepts, and principles of criminal law.</p> <p>2. Explain the various types of crime and criminals, the numerous theories of crime causation, and the relationship between crime and its various correlates.</p> <p>3. Define how crimes are categorized by type and seriousness.</p>
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Unit	Description	Weightage* (%)
1.	<p>Historical Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extent and Operation of the Code• Definition of Crime• Distinction between Crime and Law• Criminal Law & Morality	20%
2.	<p>Fundamental Elements of Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human being• <i>Mensrea</i>• <i>Mensrea</i> and Indian Law• Words denoting <i>MensRea</i> in IPC• Fraudulently• Dishonestly• Difference between Fraudulently and Dishonestly• Voluntarily• <i>Actusreus</i>(Act or Omission)• Injury• Good faith	20%
3.	<p>Stages in Commission of a Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intention or Contemplation• Preparation• Attempt• Essentials of the Attempt• Attempt• Illustrative cases	20%





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt and preparation distinguished • Section 511 and 307, IPC • Accomplishment 	
4.	<p>Constructive joint Criminality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Intention • Common Object • Conviction of less than five persons • Charge under Section 149 and conviction under Section 34 • Distinction between Sections 34 and 149 	20%
5.	<p>Abetment and Criminal Conspiracy</p> <p>ABETMENT</p> <p><u>ENGLISH LAW</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A principle in the first degree • A principle in the second degree • Accessory before the fact • Accessory after the fact Indian Law <p><u>INDIAN LAW</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abetment by instigation • Abetment by conspiracy • Abetment by international aiding <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abetment in General 2. Punishment for Abetment 3. Sections 34 and 114 <p>Criminal Conspiracy</p> <p>Ingredients of criminal conspiracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two or more persons • Agreement • Illegal act or legal act by illegal means <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single general conspiracy and separate conspiracies Punishment 2. Sections 34, 109 and 120-A 3. Proof of Conspiracy 4. Abetment and Conspiracy 	20%

PSDA (Professional Skill Development Activities)

❖ Statutes and Judgment Analysis
❖ Preparation of One Research Paper/Research Article
❖ Access to Legal Resources: E-Library, E-Books and E-Database
❖ Developing Comparative Analysis Skills





Teaching-Learning Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture Method• Power Point Presentation(including audio/video)• Group Discussion• Case study
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Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of the Evaluation	Weightage (%)
1.	Internal Written / Practical Examination (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	20%
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Viva-voce, Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	10%
3.	University Examination	70%

CourseOutcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to	
1.	Understand and describe areas of criminal justice, law and society through a critical analysis of the subject.
2.	Enhance the ability of a Criminology student to understand the history of criminal law, Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Indian Evidence Act.
3.	Explain in detail the elements, stages and theories of crime.
4.	Demonstrate a solid grasp of Criminal law principles as they relate to law enforcement.

Suggested References:	
Sr. No.	References
1.	Hall, Jerone- General Principles of Criminal Law (1960),
2.	Kenny's- Outlines of Criminal Law
3.	Nelson – Indian Penal Code





4.	Gandhi, B. M. – Indian Penal Code (1996)
5.	Bentham – Principles of Penal Law

On-line Resources
a. SWAYAM
b. Manupatra
c. SCC Online
d. Coursera
e. Bloomsbury

