

PSS307e Penology

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern:

E-Learning:

Synopsis:

PSS307 Penology studies the punishment of crime and prison management. This course highlights the objectives of punishment and discusses the effectiveness of the different models related to punishment. By understanding the policy guidelines to punishment and their impact on offenders, students will be able to critically assess the deterrence strategies to criminality. This course also examines the competing theoretical rationales in the implementation of modern penalty, punishment and imprisonment, including constructions of moral responsibility, deterrence, retribution, rehabilitation, reform, and incapacitation.

Topics:

- Introduction to penology
- Theoretical aspects of punishment
- Historical understanding of prison
- The modern prison
- Perspectives of reform
- Effectiveness of prison
- Contemporary issues in penal policies
- Children and young people
- Senior citizens
- Responsibility and accountability
- Rehabilitation of prisoners
- Aftercare and support

Textbooks:

Schinkel, M.: Being Imprisoned: Punishment, Adaptation and Desistance (2014) 1st Edition Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN-13: 9781137440839

Learning Outcome:

- Examine the main themes within penology
- Appraise the role of the prison within the criminal justice system
- Assess the impact of the prison within the rehabilitation process
- Identify challenges related to punishment and penology
- Apply theoretical understanding of punishment in developing policies
- Formulate strategies that would achieve the objectives of punishment

Assessment Strategies (Daytime Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-COURSE QUIZ 1	5
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	20
	GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT 1	25
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100