


MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Sociology

MA SOCIOLOGY

SYS 503 Crime and Society

Course Outcome:

- CO1. Understand changing profile of crime and criminals
- CO2. Crime causation and sociological explanations
- CO3. Correction methods, its types and criminal justice.
- CO4. Role of correctional agencies of criminal justice administration system.
- CO5. Recent advances in correctional measures and programmes;
- CO6. Alternatives to imprisonment; and its implications for crime prevention.
- CO7. Theoretical perspectives on crime.
- CO8. Social dimensions, consequences and measures to control crime.

Objectives

The course is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- 1. To acquaint the students with the changing profile of crime and criminals
- 2. To equip them with the emerging perspectives of crime causation with particular stress on sociological explanations
- 3. To sensitize them to the emerging idea of correction, its types and measures to prepare them for professional roles of correctional agents in agencies of criminal justice administration system.
- 4. To acquaint the students with recent advances in correctional measures and programmes; alternatives to imprisonment; and its implications for crime control and prevention
- 5. To demonstrate knowledge about theoretical perspectives on crime.
- 6. To sensitize the students about causes, social dimensions, consequences and measures to control crime.

UNIT - I : Introduction:-

Hrs -14

- a. Concept of crime and deviance; old and modern
- b. Characteristics of crime.
- c. Causes for criminal behavior.

UNIT - II : Theoretical Perspectives:

Hrs - 12

- a. Anomic theory (Durkheim, Merton)
- b. Differential Association Theory (Sutherland)
- c. Labeling theory

UNIT - III : Changing Profile of Crime:

Hrs -12

- a. Organized crimes, terrorism
- b. White collar crime

- c. Crimes against women

UNIT – IV :Juvenile Delinquency:

Hrs -12

- a. Meaning and causes
- b. Legislative measures
- c. **Rehabilitation** – remand home, certified schools, group therapy, vocational training.

UNIT - V : Correction Methods:

Hrs -14

- a. Meaning and significance of correction – deterrent, preventive and reformative
- b. **Judicial custody, prisons and prison system**
- c. Alternative imprisonment – **probation, parole and open prisons**

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