UNDERGRADUATE CRIMINOLOGY SYLLABUS

KRM 114: Introduction to Criminology (crime, criminal, victim of crime and sentencing) and Victimology as a field of specialisation

One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks
1. The field of study of Criminology: crime, criminal, sentencing and the victim of crime
2. Introduction to research in Criminology
3. The incidence and prevalence of crime in South Africa
4. Tendencies of crime in South Africa
5. The concept victimisation
6. Theories of Victimology
7. Vulnerable groups in society (e.g., children, women, the elderly)
8. Victims and the judicial system
9. Victim support

KRM 124: Contemporary crime issues in South Africa

One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks
1. Definition of the concepts contemporary crime issues, criminal and victim
2. The nature, gravity, incidence, prevalence, implications and prevention of:
   2.1 Violent crimes (e.g., murder, assault, robbery)
   2.2 Economic crimes (e.g., white collar crime, fraud, corruption)
   2.3 Gender related crimes (e.g., sexual crimes, family violence)

KRM 214: Theoretical foundation of sentencing

One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks
1. Sentencing as a field of specialisation in Criminology
2. The historical development of sentencing
3. The concept punishment
4. Justification for sentencing:
   4.1 Retribution
   4.2 Deterrence
   3.3 Rehabilitation
   4.4 Prevention

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5. General guidelines for sentencing (The Triad in Zinn):
   5.1 Crime
   5.2 Criminal
   5.3 Community interest

**KRM 224 : Practical sentencing**

One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks

1. Roleplayers in sentencing
2. The classification, jurisdiction and composition of the South African criminal courts
3. The course of the court proceedings in a criminal case
4. Individualisation in sentencing
5. Pre-sentence evaluation
6. Sentencing :
   6.1 Statutory provisions
   6.2 Practical guidelines
7. The adjudication of juvenile delinquents :
   7.1 Statutory provisions
   7.2 Practical guidelines

**KRM 314 : Crime causation**

One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks

1. The concepts *theory, paradigm and causation*
2. Social causation models (eg sub-cultures, labelling, conflict, social control)
3. Individual causation models (eg theories on learning, cognitive theories)
4. Biological causation models (eg genetics, chemical imbalances, hormone imbalances)
KRM 324 : Juvenile delinquency 16 CREDITS

One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks
1. The concepts juvenile delinquency and juvenile delinquent
2. The nature, gravity, incidence, prevalence and implications of juvenile delinquency
3. Causation theories :
   3.1 Social environment
   3.2 Psychological background
   3.3 Individual potential
4. The handling of juvenile delinquents :
   4.1 Statutory provisions
   4.2 Children’s court
   4.3 Diversion programmes

KRM 344 : Crime related-research (practical research) 16 CREDITS

Research report
1. Applied research methodology and technique
2. Research project
4.

POSTGRADUATE CRIMINOLOGY SYLLABUS

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KRM 618 : Advanced Criminological Theory 16 CREDITS
One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks

KRM 628 : Advanced Penological Theory and sentencing 16 CREDITS
One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks

KRM 638 : Physical anthropology of the criminal 16 CREDITS
One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks

KRM 648 : Juvenile crime 16 CREDITS
One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks

KRM 658 : Crime prevention 16 CREDITS
One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks

KRM 668 : Victimology 16 CREDITS
One 3 hour examination paper. 100 marks

KRM 691 : An extended mini-dissertation on an approved topic 64 CREDITS

MAGISTER 180 CREDITS

Students must write a dissertation (Module code KRM700) on a topic chosen in consultation with the supervisor and the Head of the Department. The dissertation is subject to internal and external assessment.

DOCTORAL 360 CREDITS

Students must write a thesis (Module code KRM900) on a topic chosen in consultation with the supervisor and the Head of the Department. The thesis is subject to internal and external assessment.