

COURSE-III OPTIONAL-III:
PENOLOGY & VICTIMOLOGY

Objectives:

This course offers a specialist understanding of criminal policies including theories of punishment, their supposed philosophical and sociological justifications and the problem of exercise of discretion in sentencing. In addition the course introduces students to the discipline of victimology which will shift the study from accused centric approach to much needed victim centric approach.

Course contents:

UNIT - I

Introduction: Notion of punishment in law; Difference between crime prevention and control; Theories of punishments.

UNIT - II

Kinds of punishment; Sentencing policies and processes; the riddle of capital punishment.

UNIT - III

Prison reforms; Alternatives to imprisonment; Victimology - Introduction, history and philosophy.

UNIT - IV

Victimology- European experience; American experience; Victim witness assistance programmes; Restitution.

UNIT - V

Victimology - Indian experience; Legal framework; Role of Courts; Role of NHRC.

Prescribed Books:

1. Edwin H. Sutherland – Principles of Criminology, 11th Edition, (Rowan & Little field, 1992)
2. Ahmad Siddique – Criminology and Penology, (Eastern Book Co., 2009)
3. V.N. Rajan - Victimology in India: Perspectives beyond Forntier, (APH Publishing, 1995)

Reference Books:

1. H.L.A. Hart- Punishment and Responsibility.
2. S. Chabra- Quantum of Punishment in Criminal Law.
3. Herbert.L. Packer- the Limits of Criminal sanctions.