

**6<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**  
**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)**

**SO617S: SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME**

**CREDITS: THEORY: 2, TUTORIAL: 2**  
**MAXIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 30; TUTORIAL: 30**  
**MINIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 12; TUTORIAL: 12**

**Course Objectives:**

*The course is designed to acquaint the learners with the concept, theories and changing scenario of crime in society in the wake of changing social order.*

*The course seeks to achieve the following fundamental objectives as:-*

- *To acquaint them with the concept of crime and its changing profile*
- *To acquaint them with the Major theoretical perspectives in the sociology of crime.*
- *To familiarize the learners with the criminal justice system dealing with the punishment and rehabilitation of the criminals.*
- *To prepare the learners for pursuing high studies and career in law.*

**Learning Outcomes:**

*At the completion of course, the learners are expected to be well versed with the concept, sociology of crime. The learners are also expected to possess a deep understanding of the various theoretical perspectives on crime.*

**Note: In order to have linkage with the community, the students have to be exposed to fieldwork studies given the thrust of the paper.**

**Part I: THEORY (2 CREDITS)**

**Unit 1: Introduction**

**15 Marks**

- a. Types of Crime
- b. Deviance and Society
- c. Nature and Concept of Crime

**Unit 2: Theoretical Perspectives**

**15 Marks**

- a. Biological
- b. Psychological
- c. Sociological

**Part II: TUTORIAL (2 CREDITS)**

**Unit 3: Fieldwork: Emerging Issues**

**15 Marks**

**Unit 4: Report Writing**

**15 Marks**

**References:**

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**Note: List of readings provided is not absolute and additions may be made to it**