

MSc Criminal Justice Studies – LM520

1. Introduction

The current social condition of the country is such that law and order is becoming a real social issue. Therefore, there is a definite need to understand the causes behind the rising rate of crime in Mauritius. As such, this programme aims at analysing the criminal justice system and to assess its functioning. Moreover, it evaluates offending behaviour from a social, legal, psychological and criminological point of view. Victims are an important part of the criminal justice system so the impact of victimisation and the support which exists for these victims will be analysed. This course is aimed at people working in the social and legal field who will have the opportunity to relate theory to practice with the ultimate goal of improving upon their work. Individuals taking this course will therefore be better equipped to deal with the issue of criminality. Ultimately, this will lead to a decline in the rate of criminality in Mauritius and to improve the existing framework catering for the needs of the people in contact of the criminal justice system.

2. Objectives

- To develop a critical understanding of the field of criminology and criminal justice among students.
- To allow students to critically analyse the role and function of the criminal justice system in the local context.
- To develop an awareness of the penal system among students.
- To empower students so that they can develop an understanding of the application of criminological and criminal justice principles to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.
- To enable workers in the field of law enforcement to gain more expertise and knowledge in the field of criminal justice and improve on their current work.

3. General Entry Requirements

As per University of Mauritius General Entry Requirements.

4. Programme Requirements

Candidates should preferably have a degree in either Criminal Justice, Legal field, Social Sciences, Science field, Management or any other relevant undergraduate degrees deemed acceptable by the University.

Consideration will also be given to candidates who do not satisfy the Programme Entry Requirements but who have experience in the relevant field.

5. Programme Duration

	Normal (Years)	Maximum (Years)
Master's Degree (P/T):	2	4

6. Credits per Year: Minimum 6 credits, Maximum 36 credits.

7. Minimum Credits Required for the Awards

Master's Degree: 36 credits

8. Assessment

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows:

Assessment will be based on written examination of 3-hour duration and continuous assessment carrying a range of 30% to 40% of total marks. Continuous assessment will consist of at least two (2) assignments per module per year.

For a student to pass a module an overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required without minimum threshold within the individual continuous assessment and written examination.

Each module of 45 hours carries 3 credits and each module of 90 hours carries 6 credits.

Submission Deadlines for Dissertation:

First Draft: End of July in the Final Year.

Final Copy: Last working day of August in the Final Year.

9. Specific Regulations

If CPA < 40, the student will have to repeat the entire academic year, and retake the modules as and when offered. However, s/he will not be required, if s/he wishes, to retake module(s) for which Grade C or above has been obtained.

Students are allowed to repeat only once over the entire duration of the Programme of Studies.

10. Important Note

The rules as stipulated in this Programme Structure and Outline Syllabus will replace all other rules and regulations.

11. List of Modules

<u>CORE MODULES</u>			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
	Yearly		
LAWS 6001Y	Research methods in Criminology	3	6
LAWS 6002Y	Management of Criminal Justice	3	6
LAWS 6003Y	Understanding Offending Behaviour	3	6
	Semester		
LAWS 6004	Human Rights	3	3
LAWS 6005	Victimology	3	3
LAWS 6000	Dissertation	-	6
<u>ELECTIVES</u>			
LAWS 6011	Criminology	3	3
LAWS 6012	Offender Profiling	3	3
LAWS 6013	Framework for sentencing policies	3	3
LAWS 6014	Conflict resolution and Counselling	3	3
LAWS 6010	Legal and social framework of child and gender issues	3	3

12. Programme Plan – MSc Criminal Justice Studies

<u>YEAR 1</u>			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
LAWS 6001Y	Research methods in Criminology	3	6
LAWS 6002Y	Management of Criminal Justice	3	6
LAWS 6004	Human Rights ¹	3	3
LAWS 6005	Victimology ²	3	3
<u>YEAR 2</u>			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
LAWS 6003Y	Understanding Offending Behaviour	3	6
LAWS 6000	Dissertation	-	6
<u>ELECTIVES CHOOSE ANY TWO FROM</u>			
LAWS 6011	Criminology ¹	3	3
LAWS 6012	Offender Profiling ¹	3	3
LAWS 6013	Framework for sentencing policies ¹	3	3
LAWS 6014	Conflict Resolution and Counselling ²	3	3
LAWS 6010	Legal and social framework of child and gender issues ²	3	3

¹ Run and examined in semester 1

² Run and examined in semester 2