

## **Module Title: Criminal Justice Systems**

**Module Description:** This module provides an overview of the criminal justice system, including its components and processes. Students will examine the role of law enforcement, the courts, and corrections in the administration of justice. The module will also explore contemporary issues and challenges facing the criminal justice system.

### **Module Content:**

#### **1. Introduction to the Criminal Justice System**

- Overview of the criminal justice process
- Goals and objectives of the criminal justice system
- Historical development of the criminal justice system

#### **2. Law Enforcement**

- Role and functions of law enforcement agencies
- Police powers and responsibilities
- Community policing and its impact on crime prevention

#### **3. The Courts**

- Structure and organization of the court system
- Criminal court procedures
- Role of prosecutors and defense attorneys

#### **4. Corrections**

- Purpose and objectives of corrections
- Types of correctional institutions and programs
- Alternatives to incarceration

#### **5. Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice**

- Racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system
- The impact of technology on criminal justice
- Restorative justice practices

#### **6. International Perspectives on Criminal Justice**

- A comparative analysis of criminal justice systems worldwide
- Challenges of transnational crime and terrorism
- International cooperation in criminal justice

**Assessment:** Students will be assessed through a combination of written assignments, case studies, and class presentations. They will demonstrate an understanding of the criminal justice system's components, analyze contemporary issues, and propose solutions to improve the system.

**Learning Outcomes:** By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Describe the components and processes of the criminal justice system
- Analyze the roles and functions of law enforcement, the courts, and corrections
- Evaluate contemporary issues and challenges in criminal justice
- Propose strategies to improve the criminal justice system

