

AC – 20/05/2025

Item No. – 5.50 (N) Sem IV 6(g)



NEP-2020

Syllabus for Open Elective (OE)

Board of Studies in Psychology	
UG Second Year Programme	
Semester	IV
Title of Paper	Credits -2
I) Psychology of Criminal Behavior	
From the Academic Year	2025-26

Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars
----------------	----------------	--------------------

1	Description the course:	The course contains various components of Psychology of Criminal Behavior for the students who are opting the Open Elective (OE) for Two Credits . The topics covered in the course include concepts related to criminal behavior, theories of criminal behavior, forensic psychology and criminal profiling.
2	Vertical:	Major/Minor/Open Elective /Skill-Enhancement /Ability Enhancement/Indian Knowledge System (Choose By √)
3	Type:	Theory
4	Credit:	2 credits (1 credit = 15 Hours for Theory or 30 Hours of Practical work in a semester)
5	Hours Allotted:	30 Hours
6	Marks Allotted:	50 Marks
7	Course Objectives: (List some of the course objectives) 1. Understand the psychological factors influencing criminal behavior. 2. Explore theories explaining criminal behavior from a psychological perspective.	
8	Course Outcomes: (List some of the course outcomes) After completing this course, students will able to ... 1. Evaluate the role of personality, environment, and social influences in crime. 2. Apply forensic psychology principles, including criminal profiling.	

9	Modules:- Per credit One module
	Module 1: Foundations of Criminal Behavior
	a) Introduction to Criminal Psychology – Definition, scope, and relevance. b) Theories of Criminal Behavior – Biological, psychological, and social theories. c) Personality and Crime – Role of psychopathy, aggression, and antisocial behavior. d) Environmental and Social Factors – Family, peer influence, and socioeconomic conditions.
	Module 2: Applications of Criminal Psychology
	a) Forensic Psychology and Criminal Profiling – Basics of profiling, functions of forensic psychologists. b) Juvenile Delinquency – Causes, prevention, and rehabilitation strategies. c) Mental Disorders and Crime – Role of disorders like schizophrenia and antisocial personality disorder. d) Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention – Psychological interventions for offenders.
10	Text Books: 1. Bartol, C. R., & Bartol, A. M. (2021). <i>Criminal Behavior: A Psychological Approach</i> (12th ed.). Pearson.

11	Reference Books: 1. Blackburn, R. (2009). <i>Crime and Psychopathology: The Psychology of Criminal Conduct</i> (2nd ed.). Wiley.	
12	Internal Continuous Assessment: 40%	External, Semester End Examination: 60% Individual Passing in Internal and External Examination: 40%
13	Continuous Evaluation through:	Book Review, Poster Presentation, Class Tests, Project, Role play, Creative writing, Movie Review & Assignment etc.(at least 3)
14	Format of Question Paper: for the final examination As per the University guidelines.	

Sd/-

Sign of the BOS
Chairman
Dr. Vivek Belhekar
Board of Studies in
Psychology

Sd/-

Sign of the Offg.
Associate Dean
Dr. Suchitra Naik
Faculty of
Humanities

Sd/-

Sign of the Offg.
Associate Dean
Dr. Manisha Karne
Faculty of
Humanities

Sd/-

Sign of the Offg.
Dean
Prof. Dr. Anil Singh
Faculty of
Humanities