



Jindal Global Law School
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BACHELOR OF ARTS

CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE



PHILOSOPHY OF THE PROGRAMME

Crime destabilizes individuals and communities and undermines social trust, leading to adverse impact on physical security, mental health, quality of life, social cohesion, and compels a diversion of resources towards enhanced security. Official statistics on crimes in India indicate an increase in incidence of crimes over the decades – heinous, petty, organised, white collared and cyber crimes – as well as crimes against persons living at the margins. In 2025, there were 445.9 reported crimes for every 100,000 people in India.

With the introduction of the new criminal laws in 2023, that came into force in India on 1st July 2024, there is a renewed interest in and increased engagement with various aspects of criminology and criminal justice administration, at conceptual, policy-making and implementation levels. The functioning of the Indian criminal justice system is now a subject of keener analysis and deeper concern.

At the global level too, the relevance and efficacy of crime prevention and criminal justice have been called into question repeatedly. For instance, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has highlighted persistently high levels of crime and violence, including terrorism, smuggling of migrants, human trafficking, drug trafficking, money laundering and other organised and transnational crimes. It has reiterated the need to "respond to new forms of criminality as well as enhancing responses to criminal behaviours that have long pervaded societies." The global debate on capital punishment and the trend towards reformation and rehabilitation as humane alternatives to retribution and deterrence is another illustrative example. As a logical corollary, a study of criminology and criminial justice, from national, regional and global perspectives, is imperative.

WHY THE PROGRAMME?

Criminology is the study of causes, consequences, criminal behavior and crime prevention, informed by principles of sociology and other fields of humanities and social sciences, including psychology, economics and anthropology. A study of criminology and criminal justice entails varied aspects of enquiry, knowledge and intervention such as:

- Developing insights into root causes of criminal behaviour and patterns of crime;
- Addressing crime prevention and reduction through bottoms-up and human-centric strategies;
- Focussing on enhancing the efficiency and efficacy of the criminal justice system through foundational research on criminology;
- Creating systems of responsibility and accountability for law enforcement mechanisms, judicial and correctional institutions, in effectively addressing criminal investigations, prosecutions and punishments respectively;
- Addressing the needs of offenders through a humane approach, and facilitating their rehabilitation and reintegration into society, where possible;
- Extending support for victims of crime through an in-depth understanding of social and psychological consequences of crime, and facilitating a long-term process of healing and reparative justice for the harm caused to them;
- Incorporating intersectional perspectives into engagements with offenders and victims, particularly with women, children and adolescents, seniors, persons with disabilities, persons from oppressed castes and classes, migrant workers, persons belonging to religious, ethnic and linguistic minorities, and other marginalised communities;
- Formulating and implementing policies and programmes for crime detection, reduction, prevention and administration of criminal justice, including sentencing policies;
- Gaining an understanding of the rights of the accused and victim under the Indian Constitution, criminal laws and international human rights laws, in order to be vehicles for awarenes raising among the public at large; and
- Learning about international criminal law and engaging with international criminal justice processes, in relation to transnational crimes as well as to facilitate a domestic application of contemporary international standards, processes and approaches of criminal justice.

In short, criminologists can potentially play a significant role in establishing a more equitable, science-based understanding of crime and policy responses to crime, thereby contributing, in the longer term, to social justice. Jindal Global Law School (JGLS) believes that the Bachelor in Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice can help shape students to critically engage with key aspects of criminology and criminal justice system through human-centric and societal lens.

TEACHING AND LEARNING FROM THE PROGRAMME

- JGLS, with over 15 years of experience in offering pioneering and holistic education, has intensely deliberated upon the course curriculum, to create a balance between knowledge on foundational aspects of social sciences and humanities, specialised aspects of theory, concept and elements of criminology and criminal justice, and practical aspects that would help create career pathways for the students upon graduation. It aims at creating a strong foundation in liberal arts, particularly in the initial years of the programme.
- Multidisciplinarity, which is the hallmark of the B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice offered at JGLS, draws upon and benefits from inter-disciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches adopted in its other programmes such as B.A. LL.B (Hons), B.Com. LL.B. (Hons), B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons) and B.A.in Legal Studies, and learnings from the same.
- The programme seeks to provide a comprehensive education grounded in student-centric approaches, through a combination of teaching, research, service and thought leadership.
- The community of students joining the programme are ably guided, supported and inspired by the facutly, peers, senior students and alumni, staff, and institutional partners.
- Experienced faculty with expertise in social sciences and humanities, and varied aspects of criminology and criminal justice, including upcoming areas of forensics and cyber forensics, will be teaching the courses.
- The rigorous course curriculum, consisting of core and a varied basket of elective courses, is intended to ensure that the learning process is not only thought-provoking and fulfilling but also tailor-made to cater to the interests and aptitude of each student, and is holistic and enjoyable.
- Summer internships with regulatory authorities, law offices, psychology clinics, prisons, police academies, forensic laboratories, juvenile justice homes and courts, and other relevant institutions provide students with hands-on experience, facilitating them to apply theoretical and conceptual knowledge gained in the classroom to the field.
- While the B.A. programme is for a duration of three years, research-oriented students may opt for studying a fourth year for an honours degree. This flexibility provides students with the opportunity to write a dissertation and to major in specific areas within criminology and criminal justice, paving the path for higher studies including a career in research and academics.

FUTURE PROSPECTS AFTER THE PROGRAMME

The B.A. in Criminology & Criminal Justice programme at JGLS is firmly committed to enhancing students' professional and technical expertise.

- It provides a stepping stone for students and creates career pathways for them in varied aspects including criminology, victimology, white collared and cyber crimes, forensics and cyber forensics, security management, prison administration, juvenile justice and probation services.
- Additionally, it aims at producing impactful field-based research that would meaningfully contribute to post-graduate studies in criminology and criminal justice.
- In a context where "media trials" and their potential effect on influencing public opinion and judicial proceedings against the accused, the programme can enhance possibilities for investigative journalism and crime reporting with an enhanced sense of responsibility.
- It paves way for employment in concerned non-profit organisations that provide socio-legal support to prisoners, accused persons and victims, and those that work on police and prison reforms.
- Courses on international criminal justice can facilitate internships and employment with the UNODC, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), International Criminal Court (ICC), international / hybrid criminal tribunals and other such international / regional institutions.
- The programme also moulds students to become critical thought leaders, questioning the role of criminal justice in contemporary society, the powers, responsibility and accountability of various actors and stakeholders within the criminal justice system, with a human-centric approach.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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YEAR	Semeste	I
Subject	Category	Credits
■ Rhetoric (Critical Reading and Writing) AEC	3
■ Political Theory	Minor	4
Introduction to Constitution	Major	4
■ Reading Gandhi	VAC	3
■ Life Skills and Vocation	SEC	3
■ Reading Ambedkar	MD	3
Internship/Short-Term Study Abro	oad Programi	ne

	S	emester	II
Subject		Category	Credits
Academic Research and Writing		AEC	3
■ Indian Legal Systems		Major	4
Environmental Science		VAC	3
Psychology		Minor	4
Introduction to Criminal Justice and Practice		SEC	3
Psychology		MD	3
Internship/Short-Term Study Abroad Programme			

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YEAR S	emester	III
Subject	Category	Credits
■ Elements of Criminology	Major	4
Anthropology	Minor	4
■ Financial Literacy	SEC	3
■ Legal History	MD	3
■ Persuasion, Mediation and Negotiation	AEC	2
Reading Legislations and Judgements	Major	4
Internship/Short-Term Study Abroad Programme		

S	emester	IV
Subject	Category	Credits
■ Theories of Crime and Harm	Major	4
■ Victimology	Major	4
■ Crime and Punishment	Major	4
■ Crime Fiction	AEC	2
■ Gender, Caste and Violence	Minor	4
■ Elective 1	Major	4
Internship/Short-Term Study Abroad Programme		

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YEAR S	emester	V
Subject	Category	Credits
■ Internship	Internship	4
Penology	Major	4
■ Global Criminal Justice	Major	4
Economics	Minor	4
■ Elective 2	Major	4

Se	emester	VI
Subject	Category	Credits
■ Criminal Psychology	Minor	4
■ Legal Processes & Forensic Regulations	Major	4
■ Cyber Crime	Major	4
Policing	Major	4
■ Elective 3	Major	4

REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIVES LIST FOR BA CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMME:

1	Human Rights Projects
2	Criminal Law and Legal Framework
3	Desire, Law and Society
4	Crime and Punishment in the Global Order
5	Corporate Rule Compliance: Regulatory Governance in India
6	Law and Literature
7	Negotiation and Mediation – Principles and Practice
8	International and National Perspectives of River Law
9	White Collar Crimes
10	Drugs, Crime and society
11	Criminal Psychology
12	Internet Governance 101
13	Employment Laws and Regulations

14	Feminist Legal Thought
15	Contemporary Forms of Crime
16	Sustainable Oceans Law and Policy
17	Cricket, Law and Society
18	Art, Law and Images of Justice
19	Regulating Artificial Intelligence
20	Law, Art and the Camera
21	Ethics, Law and Al
22	Law and Science
23	Gender, Crime, and Justice
24	Legal Journalism
25	International Criminal Law





ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Applicants to the B.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice at JGLS must have successfully passed the examination at the 10+2 level of schooling or its equivalent. This course is open to students from any stream including Arts, Commerce, Science etc.





with 45% & above from any stream.

SELECTION PROCESS

Admission to the 3-year B.A. Criminology & Criminal Justice programme of Jindal Global Law School will be on the basis of National Level Entrance Exams including LNAT-UK/JSAT-Law/CLAT-UG/CUET-UG.

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Programme Fee	₹ 4,00,000/- per annum*
Residential Fee	₹ 3,35,000/- per annum*
Refundable Security Deposit	₹50,000/-**
Application Foo. ₹1 000/-	

A student can pursue 3 year LL.B.

degree after completing the B.A. degree

in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

3+3 PATHWAY

*The programme fee and residential fee are subject to an annual increase of upto 10%.

 ** Fully refundable Security deposit of Rs. 50,000 shall be collected at the time of admission as per university rules.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit-cum-means scholarship shall be awarded to students qualifying **LNAT-UK/JSAT-Law/CLAT-UG/CUET-UG** subject to parental ITR criteria as defined by university.





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