



**Anand Law College**  
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**Name of Programme:** LLM (CRIMINAL AND SECURITY LAW)  
**Year:** 1 year course  
**Course Code:** ALCPG1ECSL1  
**Course Name:** CRIMINAL AND SECURITY LAW  
**Course Type:** Elective Course  
**Year of Implementation:** 2025-26

**FIRST SEMESTER (w.e.f. 2025-26)**

**GROUP: CRIMINAL AND SECURITY LAW**

<b>SEMESTER:</b>	<b>FIRST</b>
<b>PAPER: 4</b>	<b>PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW</b>
<b>OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:</b> The primary objective of criminal law is to maintain law and order in the society and to protect the life and liberty of people. It is for this reason that the people place their ultimate reliance on this branch of law for protection against all injuries that human conduct can inflict on individuals and institutions. Due to these reasons, the penal law cannot afford to be weak, ambiguous or ineffective, nor can it be harsh and arbitrary in its impact. The application of criminal law has to be uniform regardless of any discrimination on grounds of class, caste, religion, sex or creed etc. of either the criminal or the victim. This paper has been so designed as to generate critical thinking among the students about the stated objectives of criminal law and enable them to scrutinize the recent developments and changes that have taken place in the field including the major amendments made to the criminal laws.	

**Course Outcome (CO):**

Upon completion of the course, student shall be able to

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Theories of punishment:</b> Analyze and critically evaluate the different justifications and theories behind punishment, such as retribution, deterrence, and rehabilitation.</li><li>• <b>Penology and victimology:</b> Examine the correctional system, including prisons, sentencing, and probation, and understand the rights and perspectives of victims.</li><li>• <b>National security legal framework:</b> Gain an understanding of the laws, policies, and issues related to national security, including terrorism, insurgency, and intelligence-gathering.</li></ul> |
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- **Cybersecurity and cybercrime:** Analyze the specific legal challenges posed by cyber threats, data breaches, and other online criminal activity.
- **Maritime and international security:** Explore the legal principles governing issues related to the law of the sea, including naval warfare and the combat of illegal maritime activities.
- **Intelligence law and oversight:** Develop knowledge of the legal authorities that regulate the activities of intelligence agencies and the mechanisms for oversight and accountability.

**Teaching & Examination Scheme:**

Credit	Lec	Lab	Tut	Internal Marks			External Marks		Passing Marks	Passing Marks	Total Marks
				T	P	CE	T	P	Internal	External	
4	4	-	-	30	-	10	60	-	16/40	24/60	40/100

MODULE	4. ALCPG1ECSL1: PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW	Weightage
<b>MODULE 1</b>	<b>NATURE OF CRIME AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY:</b> 1.1 Historical Development and amendments in major criminal laws; 1.2 Nature of Crime, Definition of Crime in Social and Legal Context, Distinction between Moral, Civil and Criminal Wrongs, Aim and Function of the Criminal Law; 1.3 Criminal Liability Principles - Actus Non Facit Reum Nisi 1.4 Mens Sit Rea; Origin and development of Mens Rea, Liability without Mens Rea, Mens Rea in BNS. 1.5 Facets of Mens Rea - Motive, Knowledge, Intention, Recklessness and Negligence, Malice; 1.6 Elements of Crime - Human Conduct, Voluntary act, Guilty intention, Causal Connection, Prohibited Result	25%
<b>MODULE 2</b>	<b>GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW:</b> 2.1 Nullapoena Sine Lege (No Penalty Without a Law), 2.2 Nullumcrimen Sine Lege (A person cannot or should not face criminal punishment except for an act that was criminalized by law before he/she performed the act); 2.3 Principles of Mala In Se; 2.4 Mala Prohibita; 2.5 Joint liability;	25%



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	2.6 Vicarious liability; 2.7 Strict Liability and Absolute Liability; 2.8 Judicial Responses 2.9 Stages in Commission of Crime: Intention, Preparation, Attempt, Commission of Offence	
<b>MODULE 3</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO SUBSTANTIVE CRIMINAL LAW:</b>	25%
	<b>3.1 Introduction to Substantive Criminal Law: Jurisdiction under BNS;</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Explanations; Punishments under BNS</li><li>• General Exceptions (Including Right of Private Defense);</li><li>• Criminal Conspiracy,</li><li>• Offences against State, Public Tranquility and Offences relating to Abetment;</li><li>• Judicial Responses</li></ul> <b>3.2 Offences Affecting the Human Body:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Of the causing of Miscarriage,</li><li>• Of Injuries to unborn Children,</li><li>• Of the Exposure of Infants,</li><li>• Of the concealment of Births including The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971: Need, Importance, Objectives; Definition, Basic Concepts, Key Features of the Act;</li></ul>	
<b>MODULE 4</b>	<b>CYBER CRIMES &amp; THE CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT ACTS</b>	25%
	4.1 <b>Cyber Crimes:</b> Introduction to Information Technology Act, 2000, Need, Importance, Objectives; Definition, Basic Concepts, Key features of the Act; Kinds of Cyber Crime; Future Effects; Judicial Responses 4.2 <b>The Criminal Law Amendment Acts:</b> Need, Importance, Objectives; Definition, Basic Concepts, Key features of the Amendments; Judicial Responses.	

**LEADING CASES:**

- 1) Bachan Singh v. State of Punjab (1980) 2 SCC 684
- 2) Barendra Kumar Ghosh v. King Emperor (1925) 27 BOMLR 148
- 3) GianKaur v. State of Punjab, AIR 1996 SC 1217



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- 4) K. M. Nanavati v. State of Maharashtra 1962 AIR 605 1962 SCR Supl. (1) 567
- 5) Mahbub Shah v. Emperor (1945) 47 BOMLR 941
- 6) Mukesh & Anr. v. State of NCT of Delhi & Ors. Criminal Appellate Jurisdiction Criminal Appeal Nos. 607-608 of 2017(arising out of S.L.P. (Criminal) Nos. 3119-3120 of 2014) with Criminal Appeal Nos. 609-610 OF 2017(arising out of S.L.P. (Criminal) Nos. 5027-5028 of 2014)
- 7) Pakala Narayana Swami v. The King Emperor AIR 1939 PC 47
- 8) Pawan Kumar Gupta v. State of NCT of Delhi, 2020 SCC OnLine SC 340
- 9) Queen Empress v. Abdullah (1885) ILR 7 All 385
- 10) Reg v. Govinda (1877) ILR 1 Bom 342
- 11) Santosh Kumar Singh v. State through CBI (2010) 9 SCC 747
- 12) State (NCT of Delhi) v. Navjot Sandhu @ Afsan Guru (2005) 11 SCC 600
- 13) State Through Superintendent of Police, CBI/SIT v. Nalini and Ors. (1999) 5 SCC 253

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

- Andrew Ashworth Principles of Criminal Law, Clarendon Law Series.
- Glanville Williams, Criminal Law, Universal Law Publishing.
- Hari Singh Gaur, Penal Law of India (4 volumes), EBC.
- Information Technology Act, 2000
- J.D. Mayne, Indian Penal Code (Ed. II 1901, p.242-249).
- P.S.A. Pillai's Criminal Law, 13th Ed. Revised by K.I. Vibhute, LexisNexis, New Delhi.
- Ratanlal and Dhirajlal, The Indian Penal Code, Wadhwa and Company, Nagpur.
- S.K. Savaria, R. A. Nelson's Indian Penal Code (4 Volumes), LexisNexis, Delhi.
- Smith and Hogan, Criminal Law, Oxford University Press.
- Stephen, A History of Criminal Law of England, Vol. III (Last Chapter on Indian Penal Code), London, Macmillan.
- The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971
- New Criminal Laws (BNS, BNSS & BSA)