

**Ahmadu Bello University
Distance Learning Center**



**Master in Law and Criminal Justice
(MLCJ)**

Post Graduate Handbook

Course	Description	Credits	Status
FIRST SEMESTER			
MLCJ 801	Sociological Thinking in Crime Prevention and control	2	Core
MLCJ 803	The Nature of Crime and Delinquency	2	Core
MLCJ 805	The Ethnography and Social Structure of Nigeria	2	Core
MLCJ 807	Methods of Research for Crime Prevention and control	2	Core
MLCJ 809	Philosophies of Crime Prevention and Control	2	Core
MLCJ 811	Victimology and Victims of Crime	2	Elective
MLCJ 813	Countering Corruption and organised Crime	2	Elective
MLCJ 899	Visits of Observation	6	Core
SECOND SEMESTER			
MLCJ 800	Project	6	Core
MLCJ 802	Measurement of Patterns of Crime	2	Core
MLCJ 804	Police and Law Enforcement	2	Core
MLCJ 806	Courts and Administration of Justice	2	Core
MLCJ 808	Prisons and Alternative Correction of Offenders	2	Core
MLCJ 810	Public Policy, Crime Prevention and Control	2	Core
MLCJ 812	Informal Mechanisms of Control	2	Elective
MLCJ 814	Special Categories of Offenders: Women, Children, Drug Offenders.	2	Elective

Course Synopsis

Presented below are the synopses of all the courses presented in the tables above. The Credit Units of each course and status have been indicated.

MLCJ 801 Sociological Thinking in Crime Prevention and Control (2 units: Core)

This course is aimed at acquainting students /learners to the fundamental sociological issues as a premise and assumptions that run through various discourses in Sociology as a discipline. This exposure is important in recognition of the fact that students are required to think sociologically as that will provide a better premise to appreciate the various paradigms to the analysis of the social reality of crime as a social problem and the prevention of its occurrence.

MLCJ 803 The Nature of Crime and Delinquency (2 Units: Core)

This is a course suitable for beginners as a foundation course on the subject matter and concept of crime; and more especially the sources and avenue to learn and commit crime. It highlights the extent, and nature of delinquency, as well as the theoretical explanations of crime and delinquency.

MLCJ 805 The Ethnography and Social Structure of Nigeria (2 Units: Core)

This course covers the social and cultural patterns of the peoples of Nigeria, in such a way that students are encouraged to appreciate and understand the cultural, social and political circumstances of Nigeria and problems of her ethnic diversity. In this course, you will be exposed to the highly diversified field of anthropology, more especially in the use of ethnography in the study of culture, patterns of social relations and social life of communities in Nigeria.

MLCJ 807 Methods of Research for Crime Prevention and control

(2 Units: Core)

This course will expose you to the various ways of conducting social research. The course will serve as a tool required, before the commencement of your projects. As much as feasible, concrete and hypothetical situations within the criminal justice system will be used for illustrations and assignments in teaching.

MLCJ 809 Philosophies of Crime Prevention and Control (2 Units: Core)

The course as the name implies deals with different philosophies of crime prevention and control adopted not only in Nigeria but the world in general. The course first deals with the conceptual clarification of the terms; crime, punishment, prevention and control before going into the main topic of the philosophies of crime prevention. Then crime control force; the police and the court.

MLCJ 811 Victimology and Victims of Crime

(2 Units: Elec-

tive)

This course examines the risks and consequences of crime for its victims. Issues considered include victim-offender relationships, characteristics of victims, the nature of the injuries they experience, and criminal justice procedures that involve them. It also examines the role of the victim in the study of crime. The origins of the discipline is examined, as well as contemporary research, service and legislative provisions

MLCJ 813 Countering Corruption and organised Crime**(2 Units: Elective)**

The basic aim of this course is to broaden your knowledge on the pattern of corruption and organised crime in Nigeria. It will also expose you to the various definitions given to corruption, organised crime and crime by different scholars' vis-à-vis their area of discipline and specialisation. This course will enable you to explain the nature of organised crime from conventional crimes to the modern crimes of the 21st century in a global perspective.

MLCJ 800 Project**(6 Units: Core)**

Students are expected to apply the knowledge, skills and competencies learnt in the research methods to write a project which will be both internally and externally examined.

MLCJ 802 Measurements of Patterns of Crime**(2 Units: Core)**

The aims are to help you understand the patterns of crime in the society and to help you gain better understanding of how crime is measured. The past and present trends of crime in the society and the techniques for measuring crime and delinquency will be discussed. Also, the patterns of crime and delinquency in Nigeria will be treated.

MLCJ 804 Police and Law Enforcement**(2 Units: Core)**

This course examines the police role and law enforcement policy, police organisation, personnel issues, management, and operations, as well as coordination and consolidation of police service, police integrity, and community relations.

MLCJ 806 Courts and Administration of Justice**(2 Units: Core)**

This course introduces you to the basic concepts in courts, and Criminal Justice Administration. The course is also designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the major perspectives and historical developments of some of the active participants in the criminal justice system, the interplay of these main organs of the system and critique of their functions.

MLCJ 808 Prisons and Alternative Correction of Offenders**(2 Units: Core)**

The aim of this course is to introduce you to the concepts and practice of correctional treatment as a fundamental issue in achieving reformation and rehabilitation of offenders and for their possible re-integration into the society. Your understanding of this course will serve to position you on a stronger pedestal from which to approach other related issues in the study of criminal justice administration and penology.

MLCJ 810 Public Policy, Crime Prevention and Control**(2 Units: Core)**

This course is designed to expose you to the rudiments of policy formulation, implementation and evaluation with regards to crime prevention and control.

MLCJ 812 Informal Mechanisms of Control**(2 Units: Elective)**

The overall aim of the course is to expose you to the basic definitions of concepts relating crime control, management, indigenous mechanism of combating crime and as well as what is obtainable in a formal (Western) setting of combating crime. It is also aimed to exposed you to knowing most of the existing traditional mechanisms of crime control in the past, among are age-grade control, oat taking, divination, deity consultation (Ayelala) among others. A comparison of this (traditional mechanisms) with the formal (Western mechanisms) of crime control. Presenting the conceptual meanings, case studies and the impact assessment of threat to human existence.

MLCJ 814 Special Categories of Offenders: Women, Children, Drug Offenders.**(2 Units: Elective)**

The overall aim of this course is to explore the background to crime and the socio-logical and legal view of crime. It also investigates the term offence and who an offender is and the various categories of offenders. The material draws its case studies from the local and international environments.

MLCJ 899 Visits of Observation**(6 Units: Core)**

Students are required to undertake Visit of Observation to various institutions or agencies of criminal justice system on which they will write comprehensive report.