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Introduction

The field of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice plays a critical role in maintaining social order, protecting individual rights, and ensuring justice within society. This comprehensive 2-week training programme provides participants with an in-depth understanding of criminal law principles, the structure and function of criminal justice systems, and the practical application of legal procedures in criminal cases.

The course examines the roles of law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, and correctional institutions in administering justice. Participants will explore key legal concepts such as criminal liability, evidence, investigation procedures, trial processes, and sentencing frameworks. Through case studies, practical examples, and comparative analyses of international criminal justice systems, the programme aims to enhance participants' professional competencies in handling criminal cases effectively and ethically.

Course Objectives

By the end of this programme, participants will be able to:

- Understand the fundamental principles and sources of criminal law.
- Analyse the structure and functions of modern criminal justice systems.
- Examine criminal liability, offences, and legal defences in criminal cases.
- Evaluate investigation and evidence procedures used in criminal prosecutions.
- Understand the roles of police, prosecutors, courts, and correctional services.
- Apply legal reasoning to criminal case scenarios and judicial decisions.
- Assess sentencing policies and correctional approaches.
- Recognise international standards and human rights considerations in criminal justice.
- Improve professional skills in handling criminal investigations and legal procedures.
- Strengthen analytical and decision-making abilities in criminal justice contexts.

Course Outline Daily Programme

Day 1: Foundations of Criminal Law

- Overview of Criminal Law and its importance in society.
- Sources and development of criminal law.
- Classification of criminal offences.
- Principles of legality and criminal responsibility.
- Relationship between criminal law and public policy.



Day 2: Structure of Criminal Justice Systems

- Components of the criminal justice system.
- Roles of law enforcement agencies.
- Role of prosecutors and judicial authorities.
- Interaction between courts and correctional institutions.
- Comparative criminal justice systems worldwide.

Day 3: Criminal Liability and Legal Elements

- Elements of a criminal offence actus reus and mens rea.
- Criminal intent and negligence.
- Participation in crime accomplices and conspiracy.
- Defences in criminal law.
- Burden and standard of proof in criminal cases.

Day 4: Criminal Investigation Procedures

- Investigation principles and legal frameworks.
- Police powers and procedural safeguards.
- Arrest, detention, and search procedures.
- Collection and preservation of evidence.
- Ethical considerations in criminal investigations.

Day 5: Evidence in Criminal Proceedings

- Types of evidence in criminal cases.
- Rules of admissibility of evidence.
- Witness testimony and expert evidence.
- Chain of custody and forensic evidence.
- Evaluating credibility and reliability of evidence.

Day 6: Criminal Court Procedures

- Stages of criminal proceedings.
- Pre-trial processes and hearings.
- Rights of the accused and due process.
- Courtroom roles and responsibilities.
- Trial procedures and judicial decision-making.



Day 7: Sentencing and Punishment

- Principles and objectives of criminal sentencing.
- Types of criminal penalties.
- Judicial discretion in sentencing.
- Alternatives to imprisonment.
- Sentencing guidelines and reforms.

Day 8: Corrections and Rehabilitation

- Role of correctional institutions.
- Prison management and offender supervision.
- Rehabilitation and reintegration programmes.
- Probation and parole systems.
- Reducing recidivism through correctional policies.

Day 9: International Criminal Law & Human Rights

- International criminal law frameworks.
- Human rights in criminal justice systems.
- International courts and tribunals.
- Transnational crime and international cooperation.
- Legal challenges in global criminal justice.

Day 10: Contemporary Challenges in Criminal Justice

- Emerging trends in criminal law.
- Cybercrime and digital evidence.
- Criminal justice reforms and policy development.
- Case studies and practical analysis.
- Course review and final discussions.

Why Attend This Course: Wins & Losses!

- Gain comprehensive understanding of criminal law and criminal justice principles.
- Develop the ability to manage criminal cases effectively and professionally.
- Enhance skills in evidence collection, analysis, and evaluation.
- Understand courtroom procedures and criminal trial processes.
- Learn best practices in sentencing and correctional rehabilitation.
- Familiarise with international standards and human rights considerations.
- Strengthen analytical and decision-making skills in criminal justice contexts.
- Stay updated on modern trends in criminal law and emerging technologies.



Conclusion

This Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Training equips participants with the knowledge, analytical skills, and professional competencies necessary for effective handling of criminal cases. Attending this course ensures participants can manage investigations, understand court procedures, and contribute to justice in a professional and ethical manner. Do not miss this opportunity to enhance your expertise and impact positively in the field of criminal justice.

