

Course Title: Juvenile Justice System  
Course Code: LLM-E-203

**Course Objective:** Juvenile delinquency is considered an essential branch of criminology. The impact of juvenile delinquency upon the formation of Indian criminology tradition does not seem noticeable. No understanding of crimes and treatment of offenders can be complete without a sure grasp of causes, carrots, and cures of juvenile delinquency. Increasingly, it is also realized that young offenders require a wholly different centre of the criminal justice system and should not be treated the same way as adult offenders. Juvenile Justice System, although a part of the criminal justice system, has now its autonomous characteristics. In addition, the state and the law have to deal with juveniles in certain situations, as *parens patriae*. The 'neglected children' category defines the burdens of care that the state and society assume for neglected children. Most categories of neglected children are also themselves the victims of crime. The institutional care of children poses its distinctive dilemmas. These should be discussed, especially at the level of resource investment compared with the extent of need.

**Course Outcome:** After learning the course, students will be able to:

1. Get to know how the juvenile justice system developed as a different system from the criminal justice system
2. Understand why we need to have a juvenile justice system for child delinquents
3. Make a difference between the criminal justice system and the juvenile justice system
4. Understand the fundamental principles underlying the juvenile justice system.
5. Understand the constitution, powers and operation of the Special Juvenile Police Units, Juvenile Justice Boards, Observation Home and Special Homes.
6. Grasp the need for recognition of due process rights in the juvenile justice system
7. Understand the social, psychological and neuroscientific advances in the study of adolescent brain and behaviour.