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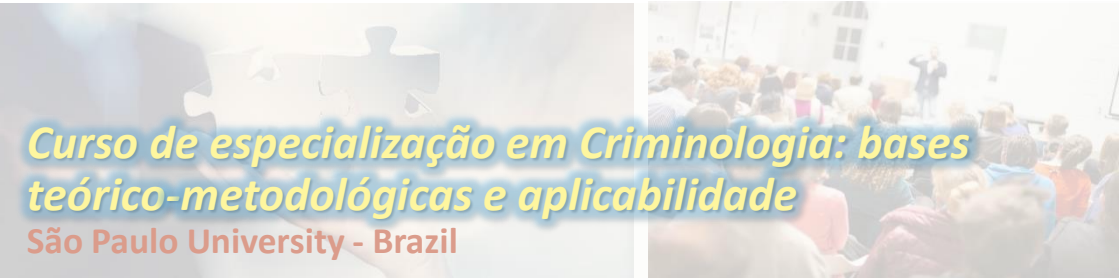
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This e-book presents a summary of the new educational offers produced within the SuCESS project in a joint and collaborative effort combining the experiences of teachers and researchers from South American and European universities. The new offers cover the area of criminology and public security and present innovative academic courses in Brazil, Peru and Colombia. The eBook presents the main objectives and learning outcomes of each one, as well as its programme and innovative character. It covers the following courses:

- São Paulo University – Brazil “Curso de especialização em Criminologia: bases teórico-metodológicas e aplicabilidade”
- Federal University of Minas Gerais – Brazil “Curso de Estudos em Criminalidade e Segurança Pública”
- San Pablo Catholic University – Peru “Diplomado en Criminología”
- San Marcos University – Peru “Maestría Profesional en Psicología Criminológica”
- Antonio Nariño University – Colombia “*Maestría en Criminología y Conflicto*”
- Santo Tomás University – Colombia “Maestría en Criminología y Política Pública Criminal”



Curso de especialização em Criminologia: bases teórico-metodológicas e aplicabilidade

São Paulo University - Brazil

General objective

The general objective of the course is to promote the understanding of criminology as an autonomous science and its importance in addressing the problems of violence and public safety in Brazil by considering the scientific knowledge produced and accumulated in this specific area, which is essentially multidisciplinary, empirical and humanist.



Specific objectives

- **To comprehend** the history of this scientific discipline and understand how it differs from Criminal Law;
- **To learn** about the main criminological models and theories, understanding their scope and limits, taking into account the dimension of the criminal phenomenon;
- To know the latest advances in victimology;
- **To understand** the principles and examples of interventions (programmes) in prevention and treatment in the criminal/juvenile area;
- **To identify and comprehend** the principles and concepts related to public policies in the area of security (prevention and mitigation of violence/crime);
- **To critically** reflect on the processes of producing scientific knowledge in Criminology (methods and techniques for research in Criminology);
- **To be able** to search for and identify relevant scientifically-based information on criminal phenomena and reflect on its applicability

Expected learning outcomes

At the end of the course, participants are expected to:

- **Know** the main criminological theories and relate each one to a level of interpretation of the criminal phenomenon to identify the weight of its prevalent variables/factors, as well as integrative theories.
- **Know** the main quantitative methods, designs and instruments in criminological investigations related to Public Security.
- Know, understand and relate concepts and elements of the structure of human rights and fundamental rights guarantees, in order to focus on trends: corporate crime and negotiated justice.
- **Understand** the importance of the age/crime relationship from a neuropsychological point of view.
- Know and understand the main theoretical and empirical lines of study of juvenile delinquency and social behavior practiced by children and adolescents.
- **Understand** victimology as a field of knowledge production and intervention and the contemporary trends in Victimology.
- Know concepts related to the public policy cycle, as well as concepts and methods related to the evaluation of public policies, and the elements of public policies for preventing and dealing with crime/violence
- **Know and understand** the concepts of prevention in the area of human behavior: universal, selective and targeted prevention;
- **Know** the general principles of Forensic Science, its main players and how they interact to form part of an investigative team.
- **Identify** the technical and scientific aspects relating to evidence and the appropriate procedures for handling a crime scene in order to highlight what happened in a criminal situation.
- **Develop awareness of and commitment** to the ethical and legal responsibilities of the Forensic Sciences and understand the breadth and diversity of forensic disciplines and the role of the forensic scientist in Criminology.



Curso de especialização em Criminologia: bases teórico-metodológicas e aplicabilidade

São Paulo University - Brazil

Duration and organisation

- ➔ The specialisation course in crime and public security studies has a duration of **510 hours (28 credits)** and will be divided into **10 modules**.

Module 1 – Criminal Theories

Introduction to the History of Criminological Thought
Foundations of criminal sociology
Contemporary Theories of Criminology

Module 2 - Research Methods in Criminology

Introduction to Criminological Research - the importance of empirical science
Research designs
Data collection and analysis
Ethics in the research process as a cross-cutting theme/concern

Module 3 – Notions of Law

Law and conceptualization
Fundamentals of Public Law
Notions of Constitution
The generations of human rights and freedoms
Structure of the courts to guarantee human rights
Criminal Law
Penalty and the Individual
Notions of Criminal Policy
Criminal policies
Conflict resolution.

Module 4 - Delinquency and Juvenile Justice

Basic concepts in juvenile delinquency
Introduction to Developmental Criminology
The Juvenile Justice System
Juvenile delinquency intervention programs
Contemporary issues

Module 5 - Victimology

Introduction to victimological thinking
Victimological factors
New trends in Victimology in Brazil

Module 6 - Public policies for preventing and dealing with crime/violence

Introduction to public policies
Evaluating public policies
Security and insecurity
Public Security
Brazil's public security framework: history and challenges

Basic concepts and psychosocial factors involved in criminal trajectories
Assessment of people who have committed crime
Prevention and treatment/rehabilitation programs
Community prevention models
Situational prevention models

Module 8 Forensic science

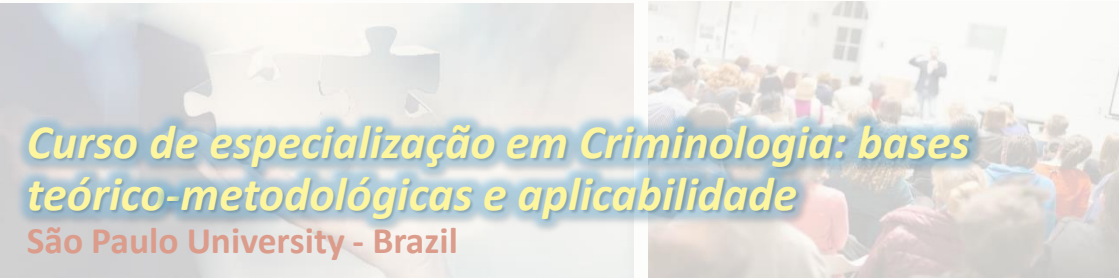
Introduction to forensic sciences and their relevant role in modern criminalistics
Expert evidence as empirical evidence for the functioning of procedural justice.
Examinations, analytical tools and main types of evidence in Forensic Sciences.
Ethics in the Forensic Sciences:
Interprofessional action for data collection and chain of custody.
Forensic Psychology: Psychology of Testimony; Psychological assessment of aggressors and victims; Assessment of psychological damage; Psychological assessment in processes of regulation of parental responsibilities; Assessment of situations of risk, danger and child protection.
Forensic Chemistry: Preliminary tests, confirmatory tests, licit and illicit substances, forensic toxicology, microanalysis and evidence examination.

Module 9 Specific forms of crime and violence

Learn about the characteristics, based on empirical studies, of organized and transnational crime and associated explanations for "white collar" (corporate/corruption) crimes.
Learn about the explanatory models of the so-called "crime-drug" relationship.
Know the characteristics, based on empirical studies, of explanatory models for cybercrime and new technologies.
Understand the analysis of environmental damage from a criminological perspective applied to issues involving crimes against the environment, offenders, victims and prevention/punishment.

Module 10 Final course work





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São Paulo University - Brazil



Innovative aspects

The proposal for the USP course is innovative mainly because of its **strong scientific orientation**, which aims to present Criminology as an interdisciplinary, empirical and autonomous science.

The course proposal thus distances itself from other criminology courses offered in Brazil, which are generally developed under the aegis of law, through deductive reflections and ideological explanations. In this context, the course stands out for its interdisciplinary approach, **involving professors/researchers with a strong scientific background from different areas, such as psychology, law, and economics**, among others.

In addition, the partnership with the Erasmus-SUCCESS project makes it possible to exchange experiences and knowledge between European and South American universities, further enriching the students' training.

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Curso de Estudos em Criminalidade e Segurança Pública

Federal University of Minas Gerais - Brazil



Duration and organisation



- The specialisation course in crime and public security studies has a duration of **420 hours (28 credits)** and will be divided into five modules: the first is a **formative course (150 hours)** and the other **four cover specific topics** that need to be properly understood by public security policy managers in Brazil.

Module 1 - Theory and methods in criminology (150 hours)

Main criminological theories,
Data collection and analysis methods
Introduction to research methodologies.

Module 2 - Urban space and policing (60 hours)

Policing models
Social control in urban space
Comparative analysis of public security policies.

Module 3 - Crime prevention (75 hours)

Crime prevention concepts and strategies,
Victimisation
Criminal policies
Conflict resolution.

Module 4 - Law and social control (75 hours)

Workings of the criminal and juvenile justice system

Module 5 - Prison system (60 hours)

Legal and sociological aspects of penal policy
Effects of incarceration and the rehabilitation of former prisoners.

Module 6 - Final coursework (60 hours)

Development of a practical project analysing public policies related to crime and public security, under academic guidance.

Innovative aspects

The course stands out for its **interdisciplinary approach**, involving professors and researchers from different areas, such as sociology, law, and anthropology, among others. In addition, the partnership with the Erasmus-SUCCESS project makes it possible to **exchange experiences and knowledge between European and South American universities**, further enriching the students' training.

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Diplomado en Criminología

San Pablo Catholic University - Peru



General objective

To strengthen professional specialisation at the postgraduate level in Criminology from a multidisciplinary approach.

Specific objectives

- **To know** and understand the general frameworks of criminology.
- **To analyse** and develop strategies for prevention and intervention in the face of criminal phenomena, focusing primarily on victims, offenders, and communities.
- **To become familiar** with research methods and to encourage the development of research skills in criminology.

Expected learning outcomes

The Diploma in Criminology addresses graduated professionals in law, psychology, sociology, anthropology and social work. Specifically, it addresses members of the police forces, professionals working in the justice system and at the Ministry of Health, Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, at the Public Prosecutor's Office, and at the Ombudsman's Office.

Other professionals interested in specialising and acquiring skills in analysis and research in Criminology can also apply.

The expected result is to strengthen the knowledge of criminology through the understanding of its general frameworks, allowing students to develop competencies to analyse and develop strategies for prevention and intervention against criminal phenomena, focusing mainly on victims, offenders and communities, as well as to develop knowledge of research methods and research skills in the area of criminology.

Duration and organisation

The curriculum includes:

7 specialised modules

1 module in which the final project will be developed and will last for 8 months.

→ This diploma course offers **25 academic credits corresponding to 544 hours** in virtual classes (256 hours of theoretical classes and 288 hours of practical classes).

It is organized in 2 semesters as follows:

Semester I

- | Criminological theories
- | Criminal and legal psychology
- | Quantitative research methods in criminology
- | Developmental criminology and juvenile justice

Semester II

- | Victimology I
- | Victimology II
- | Prevention, crime deterrence and intervention practices
- | Topics in Criminology

Innovative aspects

The current situation and the dynamics of cooperative development at the teaching level implies that a successful teaching model assumes the delivery of classes in **blended learning**. The programme will be carried out under the blended learning modality, applying the **case method** in each session taught by Peruvian and international guest lecturers in each module. The latter will be complemented by the exchange of experiences between professors, speakers, and attendees. In addition, it is planned to allocate a **non-teaching space** for students to prepare the practical content and research.

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Maestría Profesional en Psicología Criminológica

San Marcos University - Peru



General objective



To equip professionals and researchers with critical, scientific, humanistic, and ethical competencies necessary to address contemporary challenges, promote positive change in crime prevention and intervention, enhance the quality of life in multicultural communities, and foster collaborative partnerships with state institutions and international academic communities.

Specific objectives

- **To train** professionals and researchers specialised in criminological psychology on a critical, scientific, humanistic and ethical basis that will enable them to act responsibly and creatively in the face of the challenges of the contemporary world.
- **To promote** favourable processes of change in the prevention of and intervention against crime in Peru, taking into account respect for human dignity, the defence of life and human rights.
- **To contribute** to the promotion of a higher quality of life in a multicultural Peruvian community, whose members relate to each other with respect and equity, through the recognition of the diversity of beliefs, identities and traditions.
- **To actively** link participants in criminological psychology with state institutions linked to crime prevention in Peru, as well as with international academic communities to foster inter-institutional collaboration.

Expected learning outcomes

Graduates of the master's degree will be able to:

- **Identify** the risk factors present in different types of criminal acts to generate effective solutions.
- **Propose** and apply crime prevention strategies framed in the micro and macro system to avoid criminality.
- **Design and apply** intervention programmes for offenders and victims from a human rights approach to reduce criminal recidivism and promote social reintegration.
- **Investigate** the different criminological contexts to explain criminal behaviour and propose solutions based on scientific evidence.
- **Interpret** the legal system concerning the field of criminological psychology.
- **Manage** methods and techniques used in the field of criminological psychology.
- **Advise** justice operators and government officials in the development of public policies related to public safety and the fight against crime.

Maestría Profesional en Psicología Criminológica

San Marcos University - Peru



Duration and organisation



→ The curriculum includes **4 years and a total of 18 subjects**, totaling offers **66 academic credits**, as follows:

Year I

- Criminological psychology
- Contemporary criminological theories
- Developmental criminology and juvenile justice
- Victimology
- Criminology, interculturality and human rights

Year II

- Prevention in criminology
- Intervention in criminology
- Methodology of criminological research
- Observation and criminological interview
- Criminological risk assessment

Year III

- Designing and evaluating violence prevention programmes I
- Design and evaluation of violence prevention programmes II
- Criminal and forensic psychopathology
- Thesis seminar I

Year IV

- Environmental criminology
- Legal bases, public policy and criminal policy in public security
- Externship in criminological psychology
- Thesis seminar II

Innovative aspects

This Master's is a response to the training gap in the field of criminology in postgraduate programmes in Peru. Other two universities are offering a similar programme, but with an emphasis on the legal-forensic area, while this proposal deals exclusively with the field of criminological psychology.

Another innovative aspect is that **more than 50% of the subjects are specialised subjects** in criminology and the rest correspond to training in research practices. Likewise, in the last cycle, an **external internship subject is offered**, which is carried out in institutions related to criminological psychology work. In contrast to the offer from the two universities mentioned above, whose specialisation subjects in criminology are present in a lower percentage, and do not offer internships in specialised fields of work.

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Maestría en Criminología y Conflicto

Antonio Nariño University - Colombia



General objective

To advance criminological theory and research by cultivating a cohort of criminologists equipped with critical analytical skills and a commitment to crime prevention and victim treatment within the Latin American context, while engaging in ongoing dialogue with the global community.

Specific objectives

- **To provide** a space for the construction and reconstruction of criminological theory in Colombia, based on the comprehensive training of criminologists committed to crime prevention and the treatment of victims from a critical and analytical perspective in Latin America and in constant dialogue with the international sphere.
- **To generate** new knowledge contributing to the advancement of scientific research in criminology from the perspective of the global south by improving the research skills of students through the curriculum.
- **To connect** the practice of criminology with community contexts through social projection and outreach programmes capable of intervening in the social reality of the country.
- **To educate** professionals with the capacity for critical analysis for the interpretation of the country's social, political and economic problems, as well as the impact of their professional practice on the criminal reality at local, national, regional and international levels.

Expected learning outcomes

The proposed learning outcomes, which seek to integrate the analysis of the criminal phenomenon and Criminology, are:

- **To integrate** the analysis of the criminal phenomenon and Criminology in general, from the different areas of knowledge that deal with it, for an adequate and complete understanding.
- **To identify** and master notions related to crime prevention, public safety, human rights, conflict and other concepts related to criminology, as well as the social context and applicable national and international regulations.
- **To put into practice** research and professional competences in the field of the creation of public criminal policies.
- **To coordinate and guide** projects and programmes related to the prevention and treatment of crime and victims that involve society at local, national, regional and international levels.
- **To effectively design, plan and evaluate** alternatives for improvement in terms of crime prevention and mitigation, from a multidisciplinary, transnational and local approach.
- **To demonstrate** the ethical values of the profession, including those specific to investigative work.

Maestría en Criminología y Conflicto

Antonio Nariño University - Colombia



Duration and organisation

→ The curriculum includes **2 years** and a total of **45 academic credits**, divided into 4 semesters:

Semester I

- Antisocial and criminal behaviour
- Theoretical foundations of criminology
- Public policy in the field of criminology
- Victimology, crime and conflict

Semester II

- Forensic sciences and criminalistics
- Social-legal research
- Juvenile delinquency and restorative justice
- Criminological and victimological proccention

Semester III

- Cybercrime
- Elective I
- Scientific research in criminology
- Crime suppression

Semester IV

- Elective II
- Elective III
- Practical master work

Innovative aspects

This master degree has been designed **with two key focuses** and each one has three elective subjects for students to select

- **Green Southern Criminology**: 1- Fundamentals of Green Southern Criminology, 2- Territorial conflict, ethnic communities and biopiracy; 3- Violence and animal rights.
- **Transnational organised crime**: 1- Criminal geopolitics and the prosecution of organised crime, 2- Human rights and conflict; 3- Organised crime and transitional justice.

Other key strengths of the programme are:

- The programme was designed with the support of teachers and experts in criminology from **11 international institutions in South America and Europe**
- UAN is a member of the "**Euro-South American International Network of Criminology**" and students can enrol in the network and joint research projects/groups already set in place
- Participants can participate of **exchange mobility** with the universities that are members of the Erasmus+ SuCESS project.

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Maestría en Criminología y Política Pública Criminal

Santo Tomás University - Colombia



General objective

This Master's Degree in Criminology and Criminal Public Policy has a theoretical, epistemological and pertinent foundation, which states that criminological science needs to reach the applied field and have a bearing on the different realities that involve dealing with criminological phenomena: to understand them, as well as to propose, design, apply, assess and evaluate strategies aimed at modifying them.

This course aims to promote the development of the necessary competences to understand the current criminological realities, depending on the field of action of the professionals who will be part of it, to make decisions, and design policies and programmes that have an effective and efficient impact on the justice system.

Specific objectives

- **To promote** the understanding of the fundamentals and main paradigms of criminology and criminal public policy.
- **To stimulate** the application of criminological knowledge for direct practical purposes in both public and private settings.
- **To foster** the use of knowledge of criminology to reduce and prevent criminal phenomena with a high social impact such as violent crime, organised crime, corruption and impunity corruption and impunity, juvenile delinquency).
- **To connect** theoretical-practical paradigms with the demands of reality attending to the criminal phenomena of greater frequency and social impact in the national and Latin American context, generating communication strategies

Expected learning outcomes

The Master's Degree in Criminology and Criminal Public Policy addresses professionals in different areas of knowledge: Criminology, Law, Psychology, Political Science, Pedagogy, Sociology, Social Work, Education, Anthropology, Medicine, Police Administration, Engineering, Statistics, Economics, among others, interested in understanding, explaining and intervening in current social, cultural and economic phenomena related to criminology and criminal policy. At the end, the participants are able to:

- **Identify** the main facts and authors of the history of criminology and criminal public policy.
- Know the main paradigms of explanation of crime (as an individual and social fact), criminalisation and victimisation processes.
- **Differentiate** integrative paradigms of promoting alternative behaviours to crime, which contribute to the development of cooperative, just and safe societies.
- **Evaluate** public policies of prevention or intervention.
- **Develop** case analyses and criminological research.
- **Possess** evidence-based knowledge to intervene in criminological settings.
- **Identify** the characteristics and guidelines of effective and efficient programmes and policies.
- **Critically** judge the differences and scope of public criminal policy.
- **Recognise** the outcomes of criminal public policy in different contexts and settings.
- **Communicate** the results of their research exercises, case analyses and practical interventions, formulating evidence-based proposals.
- **Analyse** the scope of the link between academia, society and public policies.
- **Argue** their interventions in the criminological field from the point of view of respect for human rights and the **reduction of the suffering of victims, offenders and their families**.
- **Contribute** to the proposal and implementation of new models of justice administration that promote equity, cooperation and citizen security.

Maestría en Criminología y Política Pública Criminal

Santo Tomás University - Colombia



Duration and organisation

→ The Master's programme is structured in four semesters. It has **48 academic credits** and **16 academic units** which are distributed in the four modules as follows:

Criminology (8 credits)

- Criminological Theories
- Models and Transdisciplinary Analysis of Criminological Phenomena

Public Policy and Criminal Policy (20 credits)

- Fundamentals of Public Policy
- Design, implementation and evaluation of Criminal Policy
- Criminal reaction and social control systems
- Human Rights, citizenship and peace
- Victimology, restorative justice and alternative sentences
- Comparative Criminal Policy.

Scientific research in Criminology and Criminal Policy (12 credits)

- Qualitative methods of research
- Quantitative methods of research
- Seminar option 1
- Seminar option 2.

Elective module (6 credits)

Innovative aspects

The programme was designed with **flexibly** and includes around 25% of the total credits so that the participants can decide which subjects to study, electing fields of knowledge best suited to their training needs. Likewise, the subjects that make up this **flexible component have no prerequisites and can be taken at any time during the master's degree, as well as the possibility of taking other flexible academic units.**

On the other hand, the **approach of the Master's Programme is integrative**, given that criminological problems are approached as multi-causal phenomena, susceptible to being analysed systemically, according to the different contexts in which the criminal phenomenon takes place. This approach makes it possible to better define the parameters of each context, and the most appropriate measures and methods for interpreting, explaining and intervening in the different criminological realities in Latin America.

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