

MASTER DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK (MSWOL)

(MSWOL First Year)

Assignment: 2026-2027

Course Titles

MSW-001 : Origin and Development of Social Work

MSW-002 : Professional Social Work: Indian Perspectives

MSW-003 : Basic Social Science Concepts

MSW-004 : Social Work and Social Development

MSW-005 : Social Work Practicum and Supervision

MSW-006 : Social Work Research

MSWE-010 : Social Work in African Context

MSW-032 : Social Work and Criminal Justice

Last Date to upload the Assignment on the LMS July, 2026 Session – March 31, 2027 January, 2027 Session – September 30, 2027

Note : Kindly prepare the assignments for the courses you have opted.

Dear Learner,

Welcome to the **Master of Social Work [MSWOL]** Programme at IGNOU.

Your decision to pursue this programme reflects your commitment to contributing to social development and improving the lives of others.

To ensure a smooth and successful learning experience, please follow these key guidelines:

- Read the Programme Guide carefully before beginning your studies. It will clarify most of your academic and administrative queries.
- Upload your assignments for the opted courses on time on the LMS portal. Remember, assignments carry 30% weightage towards your final grade.
- In case of any query related to the programme, please write to mswolinfo@ignou.ac.in.
- Be in contact with your allotted Field Work Supervisor (FWS) for fieldwork supervision.
- Fill and submit the examination form within the due dates.

Important Notes on Assignments:

- Assignments are open-book exams and must be handwritten and signed before upload.
- Read the relevant study units carefully before attempting each question.
- Discuss with peers and academic counsellors, prepare a draft, revise it, and then write the final version.
- Start each answer on a new page, and structure your responses with a clear introduction, sub-headings, body, and conclusion.
- Leave a line between paragraphs for clarity.
- Write all the details like Name of programme, Name of course, Enrolment No., Academic Year, Regional Centre etc. on the front page of assignment.
- Write in your own words and avoid copying from books or external sources. Use IGNOU study materials as your primary reference.

Remember, assignment preparation is a crucial step towards your term-end examination. Take it seriously and approach it as an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the subject.

We wish you a rewarding and enriching learning journey.

Prof. Saumya & Dr. Binod
Programme Coordinators (MSWOL)

Social Work and Criminal Justice
ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSW-032

Total Marks: 100

Note: Answer any **five** of the following questions in about **300** words each:

1. What do you understand by the terms 'deviance' and 'crime'? How does the distinction between these two helps in understanding the social and legal responses to rule-breaking behaviour in society? 20
2. Discuss the philosophical bases of the elements of crime (actus reus, mens rea, and concurrence) for establishing criminal liability. 20
3. How does the interdependence of the police, prosecution, judiciary, and correctional institutions influence the credibility of the criminal justice administration in India? 20
4. What is the adversarial criminal justice system? Why is the principle of 'presumption of innocence' considered central to the adversarial criminal justice system. 20
5. Discuss the importance of the criminal justice processes—investigation, trial, and correction in crime control and protection of individual rights? 20
6. Why is the principle of presumption of innocence and the right to a fair trial considered central to the criminal justice process? 20
7. How does the shift from deterrent to reformative and restorative theories of punishment influence the correctional institutions in India? 20
8. Why are prisoners' rights considered essential for humane prison administration? Discuss in detail. 20