

## Unit 2: Criminal Law in Algeria

Criminal law in Algeria is a body of law that defines offenses and prescribes punishments for those offenses. It is primarily governed by the Penal Code, which outlines various crimes, legal procedures, and associated penalties.

**Offense:** An offense is any act that violates the law and is punishable by the state. For example, theft is considered an offense under the Penal Code.

**Punishment** refers to the legal consequences imposed on an individual found guilty of an offense. Punishments can range from fines to imprisonment, depending on the severity of the crime.

**Felony:** A felony is a serious crime, typically punishable by imprisonment for more than one year. In Algeria, felonies include offenses such as murder and drug trafficking.

**Misdemeanor:** A misdemeanor is a less severe crime, usually punishable by less than one year of imprisonment or a fine. Examples include minor theft or public disorder.

**Criminal Procedure:** This refers to how a criminal case is handled in the legal system, including arrest, trial, and appeals. The Criminal Procedure Code outlines these processes to ensure fair trials.

Criminal law aims to maintain public order, protect individuals, and deter crime. Offenders can appeal their convictions, and the legal system provides mechanisms for justice and rehabilitation.

## Legal Terms

Criminal Law: القانون الجنائي

Penal Code: القانون الجنائي

Offense: الجريمة

Punishment: العقوبة

Felony: الجناية

Misdemeanor: الجنحة

Criminal Procedure: الإجراءات الجنائية

Criminal Procedure Code: قانون الإجراءات الجنائية

## Questions:

*What is the primary legal framework governing criminal law in Algeria?*

- *What is the difference between a felony and a misdemeanor?*
- *What does "offense" refer to in criminal law?*
- *What is the purpose of criminal law?*
- *What is the process called that outlines how a criminal case is handled?*

## Multiple Choice Questions

*What is the primary legal framework for criminal law in Algeria?*

- A) Civil Code
- B) Penal Code
- C) Family Code
- D) Commercial Code

Answer:

***Which of the following is considered a felony?***

- A) Minor theft
- B) Public disorder
- C) Murder
- D) Traffic violation

Answer:

***What is the term for the legal consequences imposed on an offender?***

- A) Sentence
- B) Appeal
- C) Punishment
- D) Fine

Answer:

***Which code outlines the processes in criminal cases?***

- A) Family Code
- B) Civil Code
- C) Criminal Procedure Code
- D) Labor Code

Answer:

***What is a misdemeanor typically punishable by?***

- A) More than one year of imprisonment
- B) Less than one year of imprisonment or a fine
- C) Life imprisonment

D) Community service

Answer: