

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code, Number, and Title:

PSYC 2329: Forensic Psychology

Course Format:

[Course format may vary by instructor. The typical course format would be:]

Lecture 4 h + Seminar 0 h + Lab 0 h

Credits: 3

Transfer credit: For information, visit bctransferguide.ca

Course Description, Prerequisites, Corequisites:

Students will examine the ways in which the fields of psychology and law intersect. Topics may include psychology and law enforcement, the role of psychological experts in court, eyewitness testimony, victimology, and psychological assessment and treatment of various forensic populations (e.g., youth offenders, violent and sexual offenders, criminal psychopaths). Through selected topic areas, students explore the contribution of psychological theory, concepts, and principles to understanding human behaviour that occurs in the legal context. Students focus on how psychological research and clinical expertise inform current practice pertaining to both criminal and civil legal issues.

Prerequisites: A minimum C+ grade in both PSYC 1115 and PSYC 1215

Corequisites: None

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe the relationship between the fields of psychology and law;
- Compare and contrast the various roles of forensic psychologists;
- Describe psychology's application to the context of police work, such as personnel selection, police stress, and use of force
- Outline contributions from psychological theory and research to developing and evaluating investigative techniques and interrogations, and confession evidence;
- Explain how forensic psychologists draw on psychological research and principles to inform issues related to the courtroom, including eyewitness testimony, trial consultation, and jury decision making;
- Explain various factors, using a biopsychosocial framework, that may bring people into contact with the law;
- Critique the methods used in forensic psychological assessment such as those relating to mental state, risk, deception, and malingering;

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- Describe the methods of treatment used with specific sub-populations in the criminal justice system;
- Analyze the public's understanding of forensic psychology via its portrayal through popular media;
- Reflect on issues of psychology and law through synthesizing information from multiple sources.

Instructor(s): TBA

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Office Hours: TBA

Textbook and Course Materials:

[Textbook selection may vary by instructor. An example of texts and course materials for this course might be:]

Pozzulo, J, Bennett, C, Forth, A. "Forensic Psychology". Toronto. Pearson.

Note: This course may use an electronic (online) instructional resource that is located outside of Canada for mandatory graded class work. You may be required to enter personal information, such as your name and email address, to log in to this resource. This means that your personal information could be stored on servers located outside of Canada and may be accessed by U.S. authorities, subject to federal laws. Where possible, you may log in with an email pseudonym as long as you provide the pseudonym to me so I can identify you when reviewing your class work.

Assessments and Weighting:

Final Exam 25%

Other Assessments %

(An example of other assessments might be:) %

Midterm Exam: 20%

Quizzes/Tests: 15%

Assignments: 10%

Project: 30%

Proportion of individual and group work:

Individual: 60%

Group: 40%

Grading System: Letter grade

Specific grading schemes will be detailed in each course section outline.

Passing grade: D

This generic outline is for planning purposes only.

Topics Covered:

[Topics covered may vary by instructor. An example of topics covered might be:]

Psychology and Law Overview

Law Enforcement

Criminal and/or Family/Civil Court

Violence and Criminal Behaviour

Clinical/Forensic Sub-populations in the Legal System

As a student at Langara, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself and complying with the following policies:

College Policies:

[E1003 - Student Code of Conduct](#)

[F1004 - Code of Academic Conduct](#)

[E2008 - Academic Standing - Academic Probation and Academic Suspension](#)

[E2006 - Appeal of Final Grade](#)

[F1002 - Concerns about Instruction](#)

[E2011 - Withdrawal from Courses](#)

Departmental/Course Policies:

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