



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
PSY-332	Forensic Psychology	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
PSY-110	Social Sciences	Fall
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	Psychology	Greek
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Dr Stavroula Soukara	3 rd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Co-requisites
Face-to-face	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Introduce students to some of the diverse areas in which forensic psychologists might work or be involved with, and to provide them with a solid foundation in the theory and practice of forensic and criminal psychology. Among other things, this course explores the application of psychological theory and research to areas such as investigative psychology, confessions, jury selection and decisions, offender profiling, sexual and violent crimes (including homicide and serial killers) as well as in the process of sentencing, management and rehabilitation of offenders.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Describe the contribution of psychology at all levels of the criminal justice system (i.e., from interviewing witnesses and suspects of crime, to jury decision making, to the incarceration and rehabilitation of offenders, to lie detection etc)
2. Demonstrate an awareness of basic theory, research findings and methods of investigation used in forensic psychology
3. Evaluate current knowledge of psychological motivation towards violent and sexual behaviour
4. Conduct interviews for a range of purposes

5. Identify the contributions that experts can make in forensic contexts in terms of increasing understanding of offender and victim behaviour
6. Engage in group-work to facilitate understanding of investigative techniques

Course Content:

1. The Psychology of Criminal Conduct
2. Offender Profiling
3. Eyewitness Testimony and Identification
4. Investigative Interviewing of Children
5. Investigative Interviewing of Suspects
6. The Psychology of Lying and the Detection of Deception
7. The Psychology of False Confessions
8. Famous Miscarriages of Justice
9. Jury and Decision-Making
10. Juvenile Delinquency and Underage Crimes
11. The Psychologist as Expert Witness: Practical and Ethical Issues

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Practical Exercises, Assignments, Discussions

Assessment Methods:

Exams, Presentation

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Psychology and Law: A Critical Introduction	Kapardis, Andreas	Cambridge University Press	2014	978-1107650848

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Current Perspectives in Forensic Psychology and Criminal Behaviour	Bartol, C.R. & Bartol, A.M.	Sage	2008	978-1412958318
Psychology and Law: Bridging the Gap	Žukauskienė, Rita Canter, David V.	Ashgate	2008	9780754626602
Introduction to Forensic and Criminal Psychology, 2 nd Ed.	Howitt, Dennis	Prentice Hall	2005	978-0131297586