



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
PSY-415	Criminal Profiling	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
PSY-110	Social Sciences	Fall
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Core / elective	Psychology	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Dr Alexia Zalaf	3 rd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Face to face	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

This course examines various types of crime, in terms of offender profile, victim profile, and situational elements. The main goal of the course is to give students an understanding of the major tenets and benefits of the criminal profiling process by using published works and case examples. It discusses the historical use of criminal profiling, the steps involved in the creation of a criminal profile, the most used methods and some of the main behavioral and personality characteristics often found in criminal profiles. Also, it provides an in-depth consideration of the application and validity of the profiling approach.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Acquire an understanding of profiling in its various forms
2. Understand the legal and ethical contexts surrounding the use of profiling
3. Appreciate the challenges of applying profiles for intelligence and investigative use
4. Evaluate the use of criminal profiling in criminal investigations
5. Outline the types of crimes for which a criminal profile is necessary
6. Understand the main steps involved in generating a criminal profile
7. Outline the contents of a criminal profile report and explain the characteristics included in the report

8. Analyze or create a criminal profile of a criminal suspect using mock crime scene data
9. Explain the use and purpose of a subset of criminal profiling: Geographic Profiling
10. Analyze or create a geographic profile of a criminal suspect using mock crime scene data
11. Discuss historical crime case(s) that involved the use of criminal profiling and/or geographic profiling (such as *Washington Sniper shootings, Oklahoma federal building bombing, Unabomber, Anthrax letters, Mad Bomber, Son of Sam* etc).
12. Demonstrate an enhanced knowledge of research conducted in the field of offending patterns

Course Content:

1. Introduction and history of Profiling
2. Types of profiling I
3. Types of profiling II
4. Behavioral Evidence Analysis
5. Crime Scene Investigation
6. Forensic Victimology
7. Inferring offender characteristics
8. Psychopathy and sadism
9. Sex crimes and sexual deviance
10. Male and Female Serial Killers
11. Domestic Homicide
12. Ethics and admissibility of profiling

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive Lectures, Discussions, Case Study Analysis, In-class exercises

Assessment Methods:

Final exam, midterm exam, essay, participation

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Criminal Profiling: An introduction to behavioral evidence analysis (5 th ed.)	Brent Turvey	Academic Press	2022	ISBN: 9780128155837

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Investigative Psychology: Offender Profiling and the Analysis of Criminal Action	David V. Canter & Donna Youngs	Wiley Publishers	2009	ISBN-13 978- 0470023976
Evidence-based offender profiling	Bryanna Fox, David Farrington, Andreas Kapardis, Olivia Hambly	Routledge	2021	9781032174129
Serial Murderers and Their Victims (7 th Ed.)	Eric Hickey	Wadsworth Publishing	2015	ISBN-13 978- 1305261693
The Cambridge Handbook of Forensic Psychology	Jennifer M. Brown & Elizabeth A. Campbell	Cambridge University Press	2010	E-Book
http://ebooks.cambridge.org/ebook.jsf?bid=CBO9780511730290				
Sex crimes	Stephen T. Holmes	Sage	2009	9781412952989
Homicide and violent crime	Mathieu Deflem	Emerald Group Publishing	2018	9781787148765

FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS OF SEX CRIMES AND SEXUAL OFFENDERS	Chris Rush Burkey, Tusty ten Bensel, Jeffery T. Walker	Routledge	2014	E-Book
http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780323228046000012				