



University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code PSYM-655	Course Title Clinical Forensic Psychology	ECTS credits 5
Department Social Sciences	Semester Fall OR Spring	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Major Electives	Field Clinical Psychology	Language of Instruction English
Year of Study 2 nd OR 3 rd	Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Lecturer(s) Marios Constantinou, PhD

Course Description:

This course examines current research, theory and practice in the field of forensic psychology. It looks the relationship between criminal activity and poor mental health using complementary evidence from different branches of cognitive, clinical, forensic, biological and social psychology. The application of assessment and treatment techniques for Mentally Disordered Offenders is also examined.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:

The objectives of this course is enhance students understanding

- of what constitutes criminal behaviour and offending
- of the factors contributing to the emergence of criminal behaviour
- the types of interventions available in helping offenders overcome psychological difficulties and problems

Course Contents::

- Risk factors for offending
- Risk factors for mental health problems in offenders.
- Aggressive Behaviour
- Aggressive and sexual crimes
- Criminal justice system and psychology.
- Interventions for offending behaviour.
- Interventions for mental health problems in offenders (mood and anxiety disorders and self harm)
- Interventions for mental health problems in offenders (substance abuse and personality disorders)

- Criminal behaviour and mental health: Individual differences.
- Case studies and treatment / sentencing options for severe and dangerous offenders,

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures and Assignments

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Howitt, D. (2002):	Forensic and Criminal Psychology.	Pearson/Prentice Hall.	2002

Assessment Methods:

1	Mid-Term Exam	
2	Final Exam	
3	Assignment	