

FACULTY OF SCIENCE
SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY
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1. Information about the Course			
FACULTY	Science		
SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENT	Psychology		
COURSE CODE	PSYC3301		
COURSE NAME	Psychology & Law		
SEMESTER	Semester 1	YEAR	2018
UNITS OF CREDIT	6	LEVEL OF COURSE	
ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE, PREREQUISITES OR CO-REQUISITES	Pre-requisites: PSYC2001 and PSYC2061 Note: PSYC2061 may be taken as a co-requisite.		
SUMMARY OF THE COURSE	<p>An introduction and broad overview to the discipline of Forensic Psychology. You will be introduced to a wide range of topics in forensic psychology, covering both criminal and civil law. Topics include jury decision making, eyewitness memory, criminal profiling, children and the courts, victims and offenders, policing, and the treatment and rehabilitation of offenders. The course will draw on cognitive, social and clinical psychological research. The goal is to demonstrate how psychological research can help us to understand and reform all aspects of the legal process.</p> <p>The course has two main components: Lecture component 2 * one-hour lectures per week Laboratory Class component 8 labs each of 1.5 to 2 hours duration spread across weeks 2 to 13. Attendance at Laboratory classes is compulsory and will be monitored. Students must attend the assigned lab class.</p> <p>In addition to providing an introduction to Forensic Psychology, the course may offer a useful foundation for students interested in further study of forensic psychology at the Masters, Doctoral or PhD level.</p> <p>Some of the topics covered in this course are also introduced in the level 1 course, PSYC1027 Forensic Psychology: Crime, Courts and Corrections. These common topics are covered in greater depth in PSYC3301, and additional topics are introduced. PSYC1027 is not a prerequisite for this course.</p>		

2. Staff Involved in the Course				
COURSE COORDINATOR				
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6. Graduate Attributes

School of Psychology Graduate Attributes*	Level of Focus 0 = No focus 1 = Minimal 2 = Minor 3 = Major	Activities/Assessment
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9. Indicative Course Schedule					
Wk#	Assessment	Date	Lecturer	Lecture Topic (Textbook chapter)	Lab class
1		26 Feb	RK	Introduction to the course; What is Forensic Psychology? (1)	NO LAB CLASSES
		1 Mar	RK		
2		5 Mar	RK	Profiling (14, 15)	NO LAB CLASSES
		8 Mar	RK	False Confession (17)	
3		12 Mar	RK	False Confession (continuation of previous lecture)	Lab 1: Detection of Deception
		15 Mar	RK	Detection of Deception: Physiological measures (18)	
4		19 Mar	RK	Juries and Jury decision making (23)	Lab 2: Profiling
		22 Mar	RK	The Psychology of Terrorists and Terrorism (12)	
5		26 Mar	RK	Forensic Evidence	Lab 3: Jury Deliberation
		29 Mar	KM		
MID-SEMESTER BREAK					
6	Mid-term exam	9 Apr		MID-TERM EXAM PART 1	NO LAB CLASSES
		12 Apr		MID-TERM EXAM PART 2	
7		16 Apr	RK	Mental Illness and Crime: Fitness and Insanity (20)	Lab 4: Witness interviewing
		19 Apr		Police Psychology (11)	
8		23 Apr			NO LAB CLASSES
		26 April	RK	Eyewitness Memory part 1 (13)	

10. Assessment

The course will be assessed through a combination of two examinations and three course work components. Each component is designed to assess one or more of the expected learning outcomes. Together these assessment components will assess breadth of knowledge and understanding of the topics covered and analytic and evaluative skills. All assessments in this course have been designed and implemented in accordance with [UNSW Assessment Policy](#) [UNSW Assessment Design Procedure](#) students will receive feedback within 10 working days of the due date. Late submissions will be penalized at a rate of 2% per day late. Any assignment submitted after other students have been given feedback will receive a fail grade and a mark of

separate papers, one containing just the multiple choice questions (45 minutes), the other containing only the extended answer questions (45 minutes). These two

11. Expected Resources for Students

Course Text

Howitt, D (2015) Introduction to Forensic and Criminal Psychology (5th Edition). Harlow: Pearson Education

We have selected this as the textbook for this course and will be making reference to this text throughout the course. Students are strongly recommended to obtain a copy as early as possible. Copies are available from the UNSW bookshop (cost \$77) or online. Please note that we are using the 5th edition of the text. You may be able to obtain second-hand copies of earlier editions which will provide reasonable coverage of most topics.

TEXTBOOKS

Other texts to consider

Nolan, M., and Goodman-Delahunty, J. (2015). Legal psychology

Working together on a math assignment

A group of Mathematics students worked together on an assignment when they had been told this was not allowed. All questions where the students had worked together were given zero, and this lead to some student failing the assessment.

No referencing in an assessment

A third year student submitted a major assessment that included material from a journal article published in Canada. When his essay was submitted into Turnitin, it let the academic know that the

worth 50 per cent he failed the course.

Copying design work

14. Administrative Matters

The *School of Psychology Student Guide*, available on <http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/current-students/student-guide>, contains School policies and procedures relevant for all students enrolled in undergraduate or Masters psychology courses, such as:

- Attendance requirements;
- Assignment submissions and returns;
- Assessments;
- Special consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- Student Code of Conduct;
- Student complaints and grievances;
- Student Equity and Disability Unit; and
- Health & Safety.

Students should familiarise themselves with the information contained in this *Guide*.