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| **Course Name:    Forensic Psychology** | | |
| **Course Code:** PSYC 385**, prer**equisite:PSYC 340. | **Course Type (Core, Applied Psychology)** | **Course Credits: 3** |
| **Class Timings:**  MWF 10 am—10.50 AM | **Section: A** | **Student Meeting Hours/ Office Hours:** T, R 11-12.30 PM or by appointment |
| **Instructor Name:** Dr Saima Majeed, Associate professor | | |
| Teaching is about Learning”. I want my students to enjoy the interaction in my classroom and to be challenged by the intellectual discussion of course material. As a teacher I will create such an environment in the class that is conducive to learning. Dear Students learning is not a passive process, it requires motivation, effort, and persistence. In my role as a teacher, I have three major functions: facilitator, guide, and mentor. These are not mutually exclusive activities. Each lecture, classroom activities and discussions, experiential exercises, research experiments or homework assignments and presentation contain elements of all three functions. | | |
| **Instructor Contact Details**  Email: saimamajeed@fccollege.edu.pk  Students can send their queries through email and what’s app till 3 Pm from Monday to Friday.  I will reply within 24- 48 hours | | |
| **Course Description**:  Psychological theories and research that address legal issues and the role psychologists play in the criminal justice system. Overview of services provided by the psychologists such as, expert witnessing, criminal profiling, trial consulting, legal decision making. Assessment and therapeutic services provided to individuals in forensic settings with suspected deviant behaviors. Gender, race and ethnic differences in criminal violence, causes and effects of violence in media, psychology of sexual assault, victimology, development of habitual criminal behavior and crime prevention are included. The course includes a study tour to Punjab prison and students prepare a report based on their observations, information obtained during the tour, and classroom learning. | | |
| **Main Mode of Instruction: / in person class room teaching ,** *Moodle*  **Technology Requirements** *knowledge to use Moodle and Zoom*  **Technology Etiquettes** *see instructions for Students*  **Notes/ slides and recorded lectures(in case of ZOOM meeting ) will be available on MOODLE for Students with limited Internet/Technology Access:** | | |
| Course Objectives: At the end of the course the student should be able to:   * Develop an understanding of the relationship between psychology and law (Class/ online discussions). * Define basic concepts in forensic psychology such as the insanity plea, lineup, photo arrays (Quizzes). * Critically evaluate ethical issues in forensic psychology (class room activity). * Apply theories of criminal behavior and current research to actual criminal cases (Assignment). * Identify current legal and criminal justice procedures in Pakistan (Class Activities, Presentations). | | |

**Course Content, Learning Material & Activities Schedule**

**Course Outline**

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| Week | Topic | Readings | Synchronous  (on campus) | | Assessments |
| 1 & 2 | Introduction: Review of course outline, What is Forensic Psychology, Role of Forensic Psychologists | Chapter 1 & 2 (Fulero & Wrightsman) | Lecture, PowerPoint presentation | |  |
| 3 | Psychology and law enforcement, Investigative process | Chapter 3 of Fulero & Wrightsman and  Ch 3 of Schuller & Ogloff | Lecture, PowerPoint presentation | |  |
| 4 | Techniques of Criminal Investigation | Chapter 4 (Fulero & Wrightsman) and  Chapter 10 (Davies & Beech, 2012) | Lecture, PowerPoint presentation | | Written Quiz 1 (Ch 1,2 &3) |
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| 5 | Insanity and Competency | Chapter 5 (Fulero & Wrightsman) | Lecture, PowerPoint presentation | |  |
| 6 | From Dangerousness to Risk Assessment | Chapter 6 (Fulero & Wrightsman) | Lecture, PowerPoint presentation | | Quiz 2 (ch4,5& 6) |
| 7 | Syndrome Evidence | Chapter 7 (Fulero & Wrightsman) | Lecture, powerpoint presentation | |  |
| 8 | Child Sexual Abuse | Chapter 8 (Fulero & Wrightsman) | Lecture, powerpoint presentation | |  |
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|  |  | Mid term assignment |  | |  |
| 9 | Discrimination and Sexual harassment | Chapter 13 & 14 (Fulero & Wrightsman) | Lecture, powerpoint presentation | | Quiz 3 (Ch 7,8 &9) |
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| 10 | Improving Eyewitness Identification Procedures | Chapter 10 (Fulero & Wrightsman) Chapter 6 (Davies & Beech, 2012) | Lecture, powerpoint presentation | |  |
| 11 | Interrogations and Confessions | Chapter 11(Fulero & Wrightsman) | Lecture, powerpoint presentation | |  |
| 12 | Theories of Moral Development | Reading material will be shared on moodle | Lecture, powerpoint presentation | | Final Assignment/Project distribution |
| 13 | Psychology of Cybercrime | Reading material will be shared on moodle |  |
| 14 | Ethics in Forensic Psychology | Handouts will be provided in class | Group discussion, Video review | | Presentations |
|  | Finals week |  |  | | Presentatios due |

*This is a tentative schedule that can be changed according to the circumstances.*

**Textbooks, Materials, Supplies, and other Resources**

* Fulero, S. M., &Wrightsman, L. S. (2009). *Forensic psychology*. Wadsworth.
* Optional:
* Davies, G. M., & Beech, A. R. (Eds.). (2012). *Forensic psychology: Crime, justice, law, interventions*. Oxford: John Wiley & Sons.
* Additional reading material will be provided by the instructor.
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**Course Policies:**

**Attendance:**

Your attendance will be worth 5% of your overall grade. Students are expected to attend each class unless there is an urgent/ valid reason for missing class in which case you can inform the instructor (via e-mail) in advance. Please provide evidence (e.g., medical certificate) of the emergency if you want to be marked ‘on leave’.

**Class Participation:**

Participating during the class by making a comment, asking questions, and sharing opinions is highly encouraged. Students are requested to be polite during these interactions and be respectful towards other students’ opinions. The cell phones must be turned off or put on silent before the commencement of the class. Behaviors such as side talking, sleeping, reading, and checking SMS’, will be subject to negative evaluation.

**Quizzes:**

There will be four quizzes for this course out of which the three best ones will be selected, and these quizzes will consist of MCQs and True / False statements. There will be no make-up quizzes for this class.

**Mid term Assignment**

Based on the different theories of causes of crime you will prepare a report in which you evaluate the given topic e.g., ‘Neurological factors that contribute to crime’, cite recent research on it and provide a real case study related to it.

**Presentation:**

Students will be put into groups of 4 – 5 and each group will be assigned a topic on which they will present. For giving the presentation you can present in class as a group.

**Final Assignment/Project:**

Your final assignment will also be based on the any topic of your interest from forensic psychology. You have to write a review article after reviewing at least 10 to 15 articles.

**Academic Integrity:**

It is expected of the students that they will be honest in their assignments and refrain from cheating or plagiarism. Cheating is referred to offering help to other students or any consultation under exam condition, possessing any material that will aid in the quiz/exam and looking at others answer sheets. Plagiarism is referred to use of another person’s ideas or words without acknowledging the author. This refers to any material such as websites, articles, books, or another student’s paper. Please refer to the student’s handbook for further details about plagiarism. Note any form of plagiarism will be reported to AIC and action will be taken in accordance with FCCU’s policy.

**Note:**

Please note that in case of any unforeseen circumstances the instructor reserves the right to modify the procedures, policies, and course outline mentioned in this document. The changes will be announced by the instructor well before time.

**Academic Honesty and Plagiarism:** Academic dishonesty and/ or plagiarism is strongly discouraged and will result in zero points (grade F) and may lead to further disciplinary action\*. Other university sanctions may also apply. Your work on this course should be a representation of your ideas and understanding.

**Your performance in this course will be compiled according to the table given below:**

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|  | **Criteria for grading** | **%age** |
|  | Attendance and class participation | 10% |
|  | Mid term Assignment | 20% |
|  | Quizzes (3) – 10% each | 30% |
|  | Group presentation | 10% |
|  | Final Assignment/Project | 30% |
|  | Total | 100% |

**Changes to Syllabus:** Please make a note that in case of any circumstantial hazard the instructor reserves the right to modify the procedures, policies, and course outline mentioned in this document. The changes will be announced by the instructor well before time.

**Grading Legend**

Below is the grading legend of FCCU (published in all catalogues and available on the FCCU website) as approved by the Academic Council

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| **Grade** | **Point Value** | **Numerical Value** | **Meaning** |
| A | 4.00 | 93-100 | Superior |
| A- | 3.70 | 90-92 |
| B+ | 3.30 | 87-89 | Good |
| B | 3.00 | 83-86 |
| B- | 2.70 | 80-82 |
| C+ | 2.30 | 77-79 | Satisfactory |
| C | 2.00 | 73-76 |
| C- | 1.70 | 70-72 |
| D+ | 1.30 | 67-69 | Passing |
| D | 1.00 | 60-66 |
| F | 0.00 | 59 or below | Failing |

**Some Useful Recourses for Students**

**Student Support Services**

[Student Counseling Services](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/ccc/campus-counseling-center/).Students can contact the [Campus Counseling Center](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/ccc/campus-counseling-center/) at 0331-444-1518 or email [ccc@fccollege.edu.pk](mailto:ccc@fccollege.edu.pk).

[Writing Center](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/faculty-of-humanities/writing-center/)

[Mercy Health Center](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/mercy-health-center/)

**Other Useful FCCU Policy Documents:**

[Sexual Harassment Policy](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Doc1.pdf)

[Anti-Corruption Policy](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Anti-corruption.pdf)

[Academic integrity](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/policy-on-academic-integrity/)

[Plagiarism Policy](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/FCCU-Plagiarism-Policy.pdf)

[Academic Calendar](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/academic-calendar/)