

CJ/PSYC-3470 (3)-001: Forensic Psychology

Note that prior to Sept. 2013, PSYC-3470 was titled 'Psychology & the Law'

Required Readings

Pozzulo, J., Bennell, C., & Forth, A. (2015). *Forensic Psychology* (4th Edition). Toronto, Ontario: Pearson Canada Inc.

Additional readings posted on Nexus

Course Description

This course provides an overview of forensic psychology, which examines ways that psychological principles can inform understanding of, and improve practices in, the criminal justice system (i.e., law enforcement, courts, corrections). Planned topics include: detection of deception, eyewitness testimony, legal decision-making, juries, mental illness in court, risk assessment, psychopathology, and corrections. Research on psychological factors in the criminal justice system and field practices are emphasized.

Assessment Value & Testing/Due Dates

Test 1	35%
Test 2	35%
Paper	30%

Grade Distribution

95 – 100%	A+	Excellent
85 – 94.99%	A	
80 – 84.99%	A-	
75 – 79.99%	B+	Superior
70 – 74.99%	B	
65 – 69.99%	C+	Slightly above average
57 – 64.99%	C	Average
50 – 56.99%	D	Marginal
0 – 49.99%	F	Failure

TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE

Depending on circumstances, all topics listed in the outline may not be covered, and the order in which they are covered may change. Students will be notified by the instructor of any changes. Changes will normally be announced at the start of class and via Nexus.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Readings</u>
	Course overview	
Week 1	Intro to Forensic Psychology Psychology of Police Investigations	Chs. 1 & 3 Smith, Stinson, & Patry (2009)
Week 2	Deception Detection	Ch. 4
Week 3	Eyewitness Psychology	Chs. 5 & 6 Brewer & Palmer (2010) Wells, Steblay, & Dysart (2015)
Week 4	Eyewitness Psychology (cont.)	
Check academic calendar	Fall Term Reading Week – NO CLASS	

Week 5	TEST 1 (MULTIPLE CHOICE)	
Week 5	TEST 1 (LONG ANSWER)	
Week 6	Juries	Ch. 7
Week 7	Juries (cont.)	
Week 8	Guest Speaker	
Week 9	Role of Mental Illness in Court	Ch. 8 McLachlin (2010)
Week 10	Sentencing and Parole Risk Assessment	Chs. 9 & 10 Cook & Roesch (2012)
Week 11	Sexual offenders	Ch. 14
Week 12	Psychopaths	Ch. 11
Term Evaluation Period:	TEST 2: DATE TBA	

Information Regarding the Paper

Details regarding the paper will be provided during class. Papers must be typed and handed in as hard copy. Late papers will not be accepted, nor will extensions be provided, unless the reason for lateness falls under missed test/assignment policy (see next page). Any extensions are at the instructor's discretion.

Information Regarding Tests

- Tests are not cumulative
- Anything covered in the textbook and/or during lectures, up to and including the class prior to a test, is testable material. Also note that you are responsible for learning material in the assigned chapters and readings even if it is not discussed in class.
- Please bring your student ID with you to all tests as you will be asked for identification.
- Tests are closed-book and all cell phones and electronic devices must be turned OFF during tests and may not be on your person.
- You must supply your own pencils and writing utensils for tests.
- Under no circumstances will early tests be given.
- A grader/marker may be used to assist in marking a portion of tests and/or written assignments.

Academic Misconduct

There will be zero tolerance for academic misconduct. Students should familiarize themselves with Regulations and Policies section of the Course Calendar, including Senate appeals, and in particular the Academic Regulations and Policies regarding Academic Misconduct (e.g., plagiarism, cheating):

<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>

Missed a test or missed an assignment due date?

Extensions/makeups regarding writing a test or handing in an assignment will be allowed if there is a legitimate reason for the absence. Only authorized university excuses will be considered acceptable grounds for an extension. This normally includes only documented illnesses and unanticipated family emergencies.

Appropriate documentation specifying the duration of your illness/incapacitation must be provided before any alternate arrangements regarding assignments or tests will be considered. If a test is missed, barring exigent circumstances, the student must notify the instructor via e-mail within 24 hours after the missed test if they have a legitimate reason for missing it and wish to write a make-up. Failure to do so will result in a grade of zero for the missed test. Note that a makeup test may not be in the same format or duration as the scheduled test and it will be scheduled at the convenience of the instructor.

Trips/travel plans do NOT constitute a legitimate excuse for missing a test or due date, no matter when they were planned or how much notice you give. No extensions or accommodations will be granted if you have travel plans that conflict with a due date or testing date.

Once a test is written or an assignment is handed in, the grade will stand. Rewrites will not be granted, even if you have a legitimate reason and documentation for which I would have granted you an extension.

Information for Students

- Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential. <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility>.
- All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found online at www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect.
- Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make up work examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>