

UTSC Course Outline PSY C53: Psychology and Law

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Text: Psychological Problems, Social Issues & the Law, 2nd Edition (2007)

By: Levine, Wallach & Levine. Publ: Pearson, Allyn & Bacon. ISBN: 0-205-47454-3

Lectures: Mondays 1:00-3:00 Place: HW 216 Office Hour: Monday 3:30-4:30

	Date:	Topic:	Chapter:
1.	Sept. 10	Organization: Scope of Forensic Psychology	
2.	Sept. 17	Legal Differences between the USA & Canada	1
		Social Science and the Law	2
3.	Sept. 24	Law, Ethics & Professional Regulation	17
		Are Psych Tests Discriminatory	16
4.	Oct. 1	Term Test 1	Chs. 1, 2, 17, 16
5.	Oct. 8	Thanksgiving: No Classes	
6.	Oct. 15	Trial by Jury	5
		Competencies: Fitness to Stand Trial & Others	4
7.	Oct. 22	Criminal Responsibility/The NGRI Defense	7
8.	Oct. 29	Prediction of Risk, Bail, Tarasoff & the ORB	3
9.	Nov. 5	Term Test 2	Chs. 5, 4, 7, 3
10.	Nov. 12	Intimate Partner Violence	12
		Psychopathy	Supplied
11.	Nov. 19	Child Custody	13
12.	Nov. 26	Miscarriage of Justice: False Confessions, Eyewitness Error	6
		The Death Penalty	8
13.	Dec. 3	Juvenile Court and Legal Processing of Youth	9
14.	TBA	Term Test 3: Chs. 12, 13, 6, 8, 9 & assigned reading & all lecture material	

Evaluation: 3 equally weighted multiple choice term tests of ~ 75 questions each, covering all readings and all lecture material.