

Course Outline

Psychology and Law: PSYC39, Fall Semester, 2014

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Course Text: *Psychology of Criminal Behaviour: A Canadian Perspective* (2011)

Authors: Serin, Forth, Brown, Nunes, Bennel & Pozzulo.

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Time: Mondays: 3:10 – 5:00 P.M.

Location: AA 112

	<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
1.	September 8	Introduction to Forensic Psychology as a Science	-
2.	September 15	Crime & Criminal Justice in Canada: Criminal Justice & Forensic Mental Health Systems	1
3.	September 22	Theories of Crime: Biological, Evolutionary, Learning & Environmental (Partial) Explanations	2 & 3
4.	September 29	Economic Crime	6
5.	October 6	Juvenile Offenders and Developmental Issues	5
6.	October 13	Thanksgiving (& Reading Week).... No Classes	
7.	October 20	Term Test 1 Chapters 1 – 5 and Lectures Specific Rooms (alphabetical designation) to be announced on Blackboard	
8.	October 27	Fitness to Stand Trial: Legal Standards Assigned Reading: Nussbaum & Hancock	10 (Part)
9.	November 3	Fitness to Stand Trial 2: Assessment Techniques Assigned Reading: Nussbaum & Hancock	10 (Part)
10.	November 10	Guest Lecture: The Ontario Review Board System: The Honourable Justice Richard Schneider, Ph. D. Chair, Ontario Review Board	
11.	November 17	Criminal Responsibility: Legal Standards & Assessment Techniques. Assigned Reading: Schneider & Nussbaum	10 (Part)
12.	November 24	Violent Risk Assessment 1: Four Generations Assigned Readings: Nussbaum, 2006; Nussbaum 2010	7 & 9
13.	December 1	Violent Risk Assessment 2: The Fifth Generation 8 Assigned Readings: Levi, Nussbaum & Rich, 2010; Nussbaum et al., 2011	
14.	Exam Period	Final Exam (non-cumulative) covering Weeks 8 – 13, Lectures & Readings	

Evaluation: Two multiple choice tests of 100 items each:
Question Selection; **Approximately** 70% from the Text, and 30% from Lectures.

Office Hours:

Professor Nussbaum:	Mondays:	2:00-2:50	Portable 3, Room 123	All Semester
Dr. Mangalindam:	Thursdays:	1:00-2:00	HW Room 302	Sept. 8 - Oct. 27
Ms. Saifullah:	Wednesdays:	2:00-3:00	Portable 3, Room 111	Nov. 3 – Dec. 1