

Course Outline

Psychology and Law: PSYC39, Fall Semester, 2015

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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 14 *	Introduction to Forensic Psychology as a Science	-
2. September 21	Crime & Criminal Justice in Canada: Criminal Justice & Forensic Mental Health Systems	1
3. September 28 *	Theories of Crime: Biological, Evolutionary, Learning & Environmental (Partial) Explanations	2 & 3
4. October 5 *	Economic Crime	6
5. October 12	Thanksgiving & Reading Week... No Classes	
6. October 13	Juvenile Offenders and Developmental Issues	5
7. October 20	Term Test 1 Chapters 1, 2, 3, 6 & 5 (not Chapter 4) 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 2	Fitness to Stand Trial 2: Assessment Techniques Assigned Reading: Nussbaum & Hancock	10 (Part)
10. November 9	Guest Lecture: TBA	
11. November 16	Criminal Responsibility: Legal Standards & Assessment Techniques. Assigned Reading: Schneider & Nussbaum	10 (Part)
12. November 23	Violent Risk Assessment 1: Four Generations Assigned Readings: Nussbaum, 2006; Nussbaum 2010	7 & 9
13. November 30	Violent Risk Assessment 2: The Fifth Generation Assigned Readings: Levi, Nussbaum & Rich, 2010; Nussbaum et al., 2011	8
14. Exam Period	Final Exam (non-cumulative) covering Weeks 8 – 13, Lectures & Readings	

*** Video Lectures: No In Class Lectures**

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 Except * Weeks
On those weeks, on Wednesdays by appointment.

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