

## Course Outline

### Psychology and Law: PSYC39, Fall Semester, 2016

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**Course Text:** *Criminal Behavior: A Psychological Approach. 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2017.*)

**Authors:** Bartol, C.R. & Bartol, A.M. **Publisher:** Pearson. **ISBN-13:** 978-0-13-416374-5

**Time:** Mondays: 3:10 – 5:00 P.M. \*\*

**Location:** AA 112

	<u>Week</u>	<u>Lecture Topic</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
1.	<b>September 1</b> <b>Note: Thursday!</b>	Introduction to Criminal Behaviour and Forensic Psychology as a Science	1
2.	September 5	Labour Day: No Classes	
3.	September 12	Developmental Considerations in Criminality	2
4.	September 19	Juvenile Delinquency	6
5.	September 26	Psycho-Biological Mechanisms in Criminality	3
6.	October 3*	Learning and Situational Factors in Criminality	4
7.	October 10	Thanksgiving & Reading Week... <b>No Classes</b>	
8.	October 17**	<b>Term Test 1 Chapters 1, 2, 6, 3 &amp; 4, plus Lectures</b>	
9.	October 24*	Psychopathy & Crime	7
10.	October 31	Aggression, Violence and Risk Prediction Supplemental Reading: Nussbaum, 2006	5
11.	November 7	Crime & Mental Disorder: Fitness to Stand Trial & Criminal Responsibility: Supplemental Readings: Nussbaum et al; 2007; Schneider & Nussbaum	8
12.	November 14*	Sexual Assault and Risk Prediction	12
13.	November 21*	Abuse of Alcohol and Other Substances & Crime	10
14.	November 28	Homicide, Assault & Family Violence	9
15.	December	<b>Final Exam (non-cumulative) covering Weeks 8 – 13, Lectures &amp; Readings</b>	

**\* Video Lectures Only: No In Class Lectures**

**\*\* Mid-Term Exam will not be accommodated during classtime. Date Time & Room TBA**

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

**Office Hours:**

Professor Nussbaum: Mondays: 2:00-2:50 PO103, Room 123 Except \* Weeks  
On those weeks, on Wednesdays by appointment.

**Teaching Assistants:**

Sophie Lanthier: Mondays: 5:00-6:00PM in PO103 3, Room 122

**See New University Policy for Missed Tests and Assignments Below.**

## New University Policy Regarding Missed Term Work:



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## Department of Psychology **REQUESTS FOR MISSED TERM WORK ACCOMMODATIONS**

The Department will be implementing a new centralized procedure for tracking documentation for missed term work (medical or otherwise). Over the years, instructors have raised concerns about students who repeatedly submit medical documentation and miss their term tests and assignments. By centralizing the collection of notes, the department can not only track these notes but also verify their legitimacy. This will save the instructor administrative time and will deter students who unfairly try to “buy more time” to prepare for tests or work on assignments. Most importantly, this centralized policy will create consistency in the types of accommodations that are made for missed term work and (hopefully) set realistic expectations for students as they move through to upper level courses.

The details of the policy are as follows: All students citing a documented reason for missed term work should be instructed to bring their documentation to Course Coordinator Ainsley Lawson in SW427C for verification and tracking purposes. In the case of medical illness, only original copies of the official [UTSC Verification of Illness Form](#) will be accepted. Scanned copies will only be accepted in urgent circumstances, and students will need to present the original copy at a later date. Other acceptable documentation for missed term work include: record of visit to an emergency room, a copy of a death certificate, a note from a mental health professional (on letterhead), a note from a Varsity/Olympic coach, a note from a UTSC Student Service Office such as Health & Wellness or Accessibility Services. Documents covering the following situations are NOT acceptable: anything related to personal travel, medical prescriptions, weddings/personal/work commitments. All documents must be submitted within 3 business days of the missed test or assignment. The documentation **MUST** cover the date of the term test or assignment due date.

**For missed assignments**, Ainsley will send an email to the student and their course instructor(s) detailing the affected date(s). **Course instructors must respond within three business days**, stating what accommodations will be made (if any). This response should be sent to both the student and Ainsley.

Some instructors may opt to delegate a TA to handle the accommodation requests -- if this is what you would like to do, please be sure to include this duty in your TA's contract (suggested: 1-2 hours is sufficient), and let Ainsley know which TA will be handling the requests ([alawson@utsc.utoronto.ca](mailto:alawson@utsc.utoronto.ca)).

**For missed midterms**, Ainsley will compile a list of students with valid documentation, and send this list to the instructor four business days after the midterm. Makeup midterms should be scheduled **at least one week after the original midterm**. Details for **the makeup should be announced on Blackboard**, along with a statement that only students who submitted their “Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations” forms should attend.

It is within the jurisdiction of the course instructor to decide if/how the student should be accommodated for missed term work. It should be noted that the [Academic Handbook](#) stipulates make-up tests be offered to students who missed a term test for legitimate reasons. It also discourages applying late penalties in legitimate circumstances (see below for relevant policies). Any/all accommodations should be clearly outlined in the syllabus.

Please note that this policy only applies to *missed* term work. If a student attempted a term test or assignment, they should not be given another opportunity to write/submit work based on documentation submitted after the fact. Missed final exams will continue to be handled by the [Registrar's Office](#).

## Course instructors will need to add the following information to all course syllabi:

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### Missed Term Work due to Medical Illness or Emergency:

All students citing a documented reason for missed term work (this includes assignments and midterm exams) must bring their documentation to the Undergraduate Course Coordinator, Ainsley Lawson, **within three (3) business days** of the term test / assignment due date. All documentation must be accompanied by the departmental [Request for Missed Term Work form](http://uoft.me/PSY-MTW) (<http://uoft.me/PSY-MTW>).

In the case of missed term work due to illness, only an **original copy** of the [official UTSC Verification of Illness Form](http://uoft.me/PSY-MED) (<http://uoft.me/PSY-MED>) will be accepted. Forms are to be completed in full, clearly indicating the start date, anticipated end date, and severity of illness. The physician's registration number and business stamp are required.

In the case of other emergency, a record of visitation to a hospital emergency room or copy of a death certificate may be considered.

**Forms should be dropped off in SW427C between 9 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday.** Upon receipt of the documentation, you will receive an email response from the Course Instructor / Course Coordinator within three business days. The Course Instructor reserves the right to decide what accommodations (if any) will be made for the missed work.

Note that this policy applies only to missed term work (assignments and midterms). Missed final exams are dealt with by the Registrar's Office (<http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/missing-examination>).

**Failure to adhere to any aspect of this policy may result in a denial of your request for accommodation.**

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Please review your syllabus to ensure there are no contradictions between your existing policies and the new centralized procedure (for example, some instructors have required students to bring medical notes with them to makeup exams – the new policy should replace this requirement).

### **References from Academic Handbook:**

Section V.1,

“Students who miss a term test for an acceptable reason should be offered a make - up test. For some courses it may be appropriate to allocate the value of the missed test to another test, or other piece(s) of term work, however, for A-level courses at UTSC, it is not permissible to transfer the value of a missed midterm to the final exam. Additionally, the practice of transferring the value of a missed midterm to the final exam in upper-level courses is discouraged.”

Section III.2,

“Student performance in an undergraduate course must be assessed over more than one assignment, and no single pieces of work (essay, test, examination, etc.) should have a value of more than 80% of the grade. Undergraduate field courses, independent study courses and project courses may be exempt from this requirement - in such courses, more than 80% of the final mark may be based on a thesis, a research essay or project, or an examination.”

“In any case in which the marking structure for a course is altered on an individual basis, the student in question must be given a written statement, signed by both student and instructor, which indicates the specific nature of the alteration or allocation in his case.”

**Section III.3,**

“You are not obliged to accept late work, except where there are legitimate, documented reasons beyond a student’s control. In such cases, a late penalty is normally not appropriate. If you intend to accept and apply penalties for late submissions, you must state this clearly in your syllabus or course outline.”