

# Forensic Psychology: *PART..... II*

2018 Winter Term 2 PSYO 356 – January - April, 2019

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FIP 204. Friday 8:30-11:30pm

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## Course Description:

The goal of this second part of the course is to provide students with a further understanding of the basic areas of forensic psychology. This will include an examination of the contributions of theory and research in a variety of areas such as psychopathy, policing, criminal profiling, and mental health as it pertains to the criminal justice system. There will also be a specific focus on NCRMD – Not Criminally Responsible by Reason of Mental Disorder. Potential applied value of these (and other) areas of research will also be considered.

## Required Reading:

Porter, S. & Wrightsman, L. (2013). *Forensic Psychology, Second Edition*. Toronto, Canada: Nelson.

## Format:

This course will be taught primarily using the lecture method in combination with discussions, videos, possible field trips, and guest speakers. Given the nature of the instruction (**which will strongly encourage group debate and discussion**), it is very important that the lecture from the previous week and the assigned chapters/readings are reviewed BEFORE class according to the schedule.

Attendance at the lectures is expected according to UBC Okanagan policy. If you have to miss a class, you should notify the Professor. **This is particularly important as approximately 80% or more of the material covered in class will not be directly from the Required Reading.** While I don't have official office hours per se, anytime I am in my office and free I am happy to meet with students or am happy to set up an appointment by email. You can find outlines for the lectures on Canvas.

## Prerequisites:

Students must have completed PSYO 111 & 121, as well as **6 credits** of second year psychology.

# Course Grading Scheme

## Midterm [40%]

*Before the final exam students will write one midterm exam. This will consist of multiple choice questions based on information that has been covered in the class up until the exam.*

## Final Exam [60%]

*The final exam will consist of multiple-choice questions related to areas that have been covered in the class. The final exam this semester is cumulative, although there will be a much heavier emphasis on the material learned after the midterm exam. Further, in contrast to previous times the Professor has taught this class, students will be responsible for learning an increased amount of information from the textbook that is not directly covered in class.*

## Paper [25%] \*\*OPTIONAL\*\*

There will be one OPTIONAL major assigned paper. This will be an empirical research paper and can be *no longer than 4 single spaced pages (or 8 double spaced) without references* and focus in a clear and concise manner on a topic covered in PSYO 356 (or expand on an area of 355). Papers longer than above guidelines **will not be accepted**. There is no official limit for the length of the reference section and, although it is not required it is recommended that students complete an abstract as well (does not count toward page limit either).

The main goal of this paper will be to examine the relevant literature in the field. If the student wishes they can propose a theory or hypothesis based on their literature review. In order to demonstrate a suitable and informed level of knowledge; the paper must include primary sources [i.e., original research articles]. It is also possible for this paper to be in the form of a short formal research proposal. Further, the student may choose to cover some aspect of Psychology and its relationship to the Law that is not covered in PSYO 355 or 356 (for example, you could expand on a concept that was covered in 355). **\*\*You will need to obtain permission PRIOR to submitting a paper based on either of these two scenarios.**

Papers must be written according to the American Psychological Association format and must be typed. All written material will be assessed both for content and style. While I expect all work to be your own, this does not mean that you should not have friends or family proofread your work in order to identify errors.

**This paper option is only available for the first 25 topics that are received by the instructor.** The student's final will then count for 35% of their grade. **To be fair to other students, if the student commits to doing the paper then they will have officially chosen this option for his or her final grade and therefore cannot change his or her mind at a later date.**

\*\*\*The final day the option paper can be handed in is Friday March 1st. However, students are free to hand them in earlier than this date.

## Schedule of Topics & Readings

Friday Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	House-keeping/Get Syllabus (Prof Away)
FRIDAY THE 11 <sup>th</sup>	Psychopathy – CHAP 13
Friday Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Psychopathy CHAP 13
Fri. Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Finish Psychopathy and “I Psychopath” documentary & Dark Triad (not in text)
Friday February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Start NCRMD – CHAP 9
Friday Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	NCRMD
Friday Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MIDTERM</b>
Fri. Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>MIDTERM BREAK! BE FREE!!!</b>
Fri March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Police Guest Speaker</i> + Magnotta discussion/finish NCRMD & start Sexual offenders & victims (Parts of Chapters 11 & 12)
Fri. March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sexual offenders : Parts of Chap 11 & 12
Fri March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sexual offenders
Fri. March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Intimate partner violence & Profiling (Chap 4)
Fri. March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Finish Profiling, DO/LTO & Policing <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5FPPoLqkCk">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5FPPoLqkCk</a> + SUMMARRRRY

***\*\*Please note that the RCMP guest speaker is subject to change as organizing this is challenging and is still in the planning stages.***

***\*FINAL EXAM DURING FINAL EXAM PERIOD\* APRIL 8 -26***

### Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is the presentation of another person’s work or ideas without proper or complete acknowledgement. Plagiarism can be intentional or unintentional, and includes self-plagiarism where a student submits work that is the same or substantially the same as work prepared or performed for credit in another course. Both are serious forms of academic misconduct subject to disciplinary action. In the context of this course, plagiarism and self-plagiarism are most likely to occur in the term paper assignment, take-home exam, and presentations of reading summaries in class. In order to help you avoid plagiarism, there are a number of other resources that you can refer to including the American Psychological Association (APA) Publication Manual (6th ed., 2009), or the following website: [http://www.psychologicalscience.org/teaching/tips/tips\\_0403.html](http://www.psychologicalscience.org/teaching/tips/tips_0403.html), which has a number of recommended readings and references on the topic.

A more detailed description of academic integrity, including the policies and procedures, can also be found at:

<http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/faculties/resources/academicintegrity.html>, or at,

<http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,0>

**Special Accommodations:**

If you require disability related accommodations to meet the course objectives please contact the Coordinator of Disability Resources located in the Student development and Advising area of the student services building. For more information about Disability Resources or about academic accommodations please visit the website at: <http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/current/disres.cfm>