WEBSITE TEMPLATE

Course	PSYC 3402B/V
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

The goal of this course is to provide a critical review of the psychology of criminal conduct. This course aims to answer key questions such as: Why do people commit crime? What factors place individuals at risk for criminal offending? Does treatment work? We will focus our discussions around 3 central components: 1) theory – what is our theoretical understanding?, 2) research – what does the current research tell us?, and 3) practical utility – can we put theory and research into practice? These questions will be answered through lectures, in-class discussions, though the use of videos, and item response technology. In addition to learning about criminal behaviour, my goal is to help you further develop skills that will aid you in completing your degree. These skills include reading and understanding empirical research, writing in academia, and critical thinking. Overall, I hope that this course will help you become a critical consumer of information.

EVALUATION

You will be evaluated through a mid-term and final exam (multiple choice, short answer, short essay question), and a writing assignment (case study and risk assessment report). Practice quizzes will be provided throughout the semester.

TEXT

Brown, S., Serin, R., Forth, A., Nunes, K., Bennell, C., & Pozzulo, J. (2016). *Psychology of Criminal Behaviour: A Canadian Perspective* (2nd Edition). Toronto, ON: Pearson.