

PSYC 2400 C : INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Welcome to the study of forensic psychology! The goal of this course is to provide a critical review of the various topics related to forensic psychology from police investigations to profiling and serial murder. This course aims to answer key questions such as: How do police officers conduct interrogations? How accurate is eyewitness testimony? How do we measure psychopathy? Together we will explore these questions and others through the evaluation of scientific research and the examination of specific case studies. In-class activities will include lectures, discussions, and videos. In addition to learning about forensic psychology, this course will help you develop skills that will aid you in completing your degree and, ultimately, your future career. These skills include reading and understanding empirical research, critical thinking, problem solving, and innovation (applying new approaches and knowledge). Overall, this course will help you become a critical consumer of information. **This is an in-person course, with in-person exams.** Learning will be multimodal, through videos, discussions, and in-class activities.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

You will be evaluated through an in-person mid-term and final exams (multiple choice and short answer question formats) and writing assignments (two one-page assignments). Bonus marks can be obtained through optional activities.

TEXT

Pozzulo, J., Bennell, C., & Forth, A. (2021). Forensic Psychology (6th Edition). Toronto, Ontario: Pearson Education Canada.