

PSYC 3400 C : FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY (HONOURS SEMINAR)

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Course Delivery	Online blended—synchronous and asynchronous
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This course is designed to prepare students to complete an honours thesis in forensic psychology. The primary focus is on developing skills and knowledge in research methodology, scientific writing, and statistics. Students will conduct research on the psychology of criminal behaviour, which will include reviewing literature, evaluating measures, collecting data, analyzing data with SPSS, and completing assignments that generally correspond to the main sections of a thesis. This course involves weekly readings, participation exercises, a presentation, and written assignments.

All meetings and communication for this course will be online. Classes and labs will consist of discussions, presentations, exercises, and lectures. Online presence is required for live activities (e.g., discussions, student presentations), which will be scheduled for a specific portion of the regular class/lab time. However, most lectures will be pre-recorded and can be watched either during or before the scheduled class time. Similarly, most participation exercises can be done on your own either within or outside of the scheduled class time.

Prerequisites: Third-year standing in the Honours Psychology Program with a CGPA of 9.0 in the Major; PSYC 2001, PSYC 2002, PSYC 2400, and permission of the Department.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Students will be evaluated on the basis of participation, a presentation, and assignments.

TEXT

American Psychological Association (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Additional readings include several journal articles and book chapters, which are available online for free to Carleton students through the CU library website.