

PSYC 4400 B : APPLIED POLICE RESEARCH

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This course introduces you to contemporary issues in policing and applied police research. It will relate psychological concepts (e.g., cognition, stress, perception, behaviour) to trending issues facing Canadian law enforcement. This course will break down barriers to conducting police research by reviewing academic case studies and discussing challenges and best practices. Course material will cover data sources/collection, research processes, common statistical methods, police-academic partnerships, and knowledge mobilization. The course will also hone practical and collaborative skills, including giving and receiving constructive feedback, developing research proposals, and presenting practical recommendations/implications essential to strong police-academic research.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Attendance and active participation (including roundtable discussions): 10%

Weekly reflection questions: 20%

Government briefing note or police research brief: 20%

Class presentation (group research proposal): 20%

Final Term Paper (individual project scope document): 30%

There are no tests or exams.

TEXT

You will be provided with a reading list of articles from journals, which you can access online through the Carleton University Library and/or Brightspace. No textbook is required.