

PSYC 5021 – FORENSIC ASSESSMENT

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| Course | PSYC 5021: Forensic Assessment |
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTORS STATEMENT

This graduate seminar will focus on criminal and civil forensic assessment and will critically evaluate the utility of forensic assessment procedures. It is divided into two sections. The first section will focus on the assessment of psychopathy and risk for violence. You will get to take part in a mock dangerous offender hearing with Judge Forth presiding (this is a group exercise). In the second section of this course, you will have opportunity to examine a specific forensic assessment issue in detail by evaluating the existing research on this issue (you will be doing an oral presentation and a written summary of the forensic assessment measure).

The format of the seminar is subject to modification depending on the needs and interests of students and the size of the class.

NOTE: Many of the tools used in forensic assessment can only be used by qualified psychologists. Therefore, students will not be qualified to use tools in real-world cases after completing the course. Instead, this seminar is meant to provide students with a better sense of how these tools were developed and the research done to assess their reliability and validity.

EVALUATION

Participation grades, online quizzes, group dangerous offender hearing, oral presentations, written assignments

TEXT

Required readings will be uploaded to Brightspace.