

PSYC 3400 B : FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY (HONOURS SEMINAR)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This full-year honours seminar prepares students for advanced independent research in forensic psychology and for critically evaluating research evidence. Students will examine current research on policing, corrections, risk assessment, psychopathy, eyewitness memory, jury decision-making, and sexual offending, with attention to research design, measurement, ethics, analytic choices, interpretation, generalizability, and applied relevance.

Through weekly in-person seminars and required in-person labs, students will develop hands-on research skills in literature searching, research question development, ethics, data collection and management, analysis, APA-style writing, presentation, and knowledge mobilization. The course also includes professional development related to honours theses, graduate study, and careers in forensic psychology and related fields.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Students will be evaluated through a mix of participation components, assignments (e.g., article discussion), and a scaffolded Research Project. The research project includes a proposal, ethics application, literature review, method and analysis plan, results and discussion sections, final APA-style paper, and research presentation.

TEXT

American Psychological Association. (2020). Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.).

Additional readings include a curated list of journal articles and book chapters available to Carleton students through the CU Library and/or Brightspace.