

PSYC 2400 A : INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Introduction to Forensic Psychology provides a comprehensive introduction on how psychological factors influence outcomes in a legal setting – particularly that of criminal justice. The primary focus is on micro-/individual-level factors, with consideration of more macro-level/sociological factors and their interaction with psychology in the legal system. Topics include police psychology, the psychology of criminal behaviour and deviance (with individual focus on various types of behaviour), in-court factors (e.g., jury decision-making, eyewitness memory, expert testimony), deception detection and malingering, mental illness/mental health in a legal context, sentencing and parole, stereotypes and prejudice, and risk assessment.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Two midterm examinations, each worth 30%, and a final exam worth 40%. Midterm examinations will consist of multiple-choice questions, and the final exam will consist of multiple choice and short-answer questions.

TEXT

Bennell, C., Pozzulo, J., Luther, K., & Forth, A.E. (2026). *Forensic psychology (7th edition)*. Pearson.