

PSYC 3402 C : CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Criminal Behaviour provides an in-depth examination of the psychological factors underlying criminal behaviour. This course discusses and critically evaluates psychological research on criminal behaviour and introduces students to contemporary research methods. Topics include theories of criminal behaviour; research methods; violent, non-violent, and sexual crimes; recidivism; corrections and rehabilitation; risk assessment; mental illness/mental health and crime; and crime perpetrated by individual groups (e.g., Indigenous peoples, female perpetrators, youth).

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Two midterm examinations, each worth 15%, a final 10-15-page essay 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

Brown, S.L., Olver, M.E., Babchishin, K.M., & Forth, A.E. (2023). *Psychology of criminal behaviour* (3rd edition). Pearson.