

PSYC 3404 B : POLICE PSYCHOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Police Psychology offers an overview of the psychological theory, research, and practice related to policing. Students will explore topics such as evidence-based policing, police recruitment and selection, occupational stress, investigations, discretion, use of force, and police management. Through lectures, discussions, interactive activities, and guest presentations from police practitioners and researchers, students will gain a well-rounded understanding of the challenges and opportunities within modern policing from both research and practitioner perspectives. By the end of the course, students will have developed a strong foundation in the research, theory, and real-world applications of police psychology, as well as an appreciation of the perspectives of professionals working within the policing system.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Participation activities: 5%

Online quizzes: 10%

Written Assignment: 15%

Midterm: 35%

Final: 35%

TEXT

There is no textbook for this class. Instead, students will read assigned journal articles, which will be available through an electronic reserve reading room hosted by the library.