

PSYCHOPATHY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTORS STATEMENT

If you always wanted to know more about psychopathy – this seminar is for you. This seminar will focus on the assessment, empirical, and theoretical research on psychopathy. The first part of the seminar will focus on the assessment of psychopathy, the link between psychopathy, violence, reoffending, and treatment. Additional areas of focus will be psychopathy in youth, cognitive and affective processing deficits, corporate psychopaths, and the impact of psychopathy. You will have opportunity to examine a specific psychopathy area in detail by creating a poster and presenting it.

This is a seminar in which we learn by reading research, developing questions, discussing, writing, revising and shaping ideas. This is a seminar course and students are expected to actively participate in the class through reading and discussion. Course content may need to be modified depending on the number of students in the course. The course will have both online components and in person seminar meetings during scheduled class time. A quick warning about this seminar – it is **A LOT** of work (readings, discussions, written assignments, presentations etc.)

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Participation grades, in class assignments, online quizzes, assessment of psychopathy assignment, poster presentation (based on literature review)

TEXT

Hare, R. D. (1993). *Without conscience: The disturbing world of the psychopath among us*. Guilford. ISBN: 1-57230451-0

There are also weekly empirical studies to read (posted on Brightspace).

An additional true crime biography will be used for the psychopathy assessment assignment.