Bemidji State University

PSY 4325: Forensic Psychology

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 4
Lecture Hours/Week: 0
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

This course addresses the application of psychological research, theory, or practice to the legal system or legal issues; as well as the impact of the law on psychological practice. Topics include policing and investigative psychology, psychology as it informs civil and criminal court cases, correctional psychology, psychology of victims and victim services, and psychological practice as governed by the law. Prerequisite(s): PSY 1100, junior or senior status, or consent of instructor.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/01/2024 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Introduction to Forensic Psychology
2. Police and Public Safety
3. Psychology of Investigations
4. Consulting and Testifying
5. Consulting with Criminal Courts
6. Family Law and Civil Litigation
7. Development of Criminal Behavior
8. Psychology of Violence and Intimidation
9. Psychology of Sexual Violence
10. Correctional Psychology in Adult Settings

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. define forensic psychology and identify the various roles forensic psychologists play in legal situations.
2. apply psychological principles and theory to inform questions within civil and criminal justice systems.
3. describe the ways psychological practice and mental health are governed by the law.
4. critique the scientific authenticity of psycholegal portrayals in the media.
5. discuss social and cultural factors impacting forensic psychology.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None
F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
   None noted