

COURSE INFORMATION			
Course Prefix/Number:	PSY2050	Course Title:	Intro to Forensic Psychology
Number of Credits:	3	Clock Hours:	
Course Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add New Course <input type="checkbox"/> Modify Existing Course <input type="checkbox"/> Delete Course		
Degree Type	<input type="checkbox"/> B.A.S. <input type="checkbox"/> B.S. <input type="checkbox"/> C.P.P. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.A. <input type="checkbox"/> A.S. <input type="checkbox"/> A.A.S. <input type="checkbox"/> A.T.C. <input type="checkbox"/> C.C.C. <input type="checkbox"/> C.T.C.		
Credit Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01 (A&P) <input type="checkbox"/> 02 (PSV/OCCUP) <input type="checkbox"/> 03 (College Prep) <input type="checkbox"/> 05 (PSAV) <input type="checkbox"/> 15 (EPI)		
Course Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture/Lab Combo <input type="checkbox"/> Internship <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical <input type="checkbox"/> College Prep		
Curriculum Report:	88 / March 2012		
COURSE DESCRIPTION			
<p>This course explores the interaction between psychology and the legal system. Students will learn the foundations, history, and terminology of forensic psychology and the influence of media and cultural issues. Students will also learn about the forensic psychologist's role in criminal and civil proceedings, public policy, law enforcement, and victimization. (3 hr. lecture)</p>			
Prerequisite(s): PSY2012		Co-requisite(s):	
COURSE COMPETENCIES			
Legend:			
1. Communication		6. Social Responsibility	
2. Numbers / Data		7. Ethical Issues	
3. Critical thinking		8. Computer / Technology Usage	
4. Information Literacy		9. Aesthetic / Creative Activities	
5. Cultural / Global Perspective		10. Environmental Responsibility	
Course Competency		Learning Outcome	
Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the field of forensic psychology by:		3. Critical thinking 5. Cultural / Global Perspective	
1. Defining forensic psychology as a subfield of psychology.			
2. Tracing the evolution of psychology's role in the legal system.			
3. Analyzing the effects of important events and case law on the field of forensic psychology.			
4. Identifying and describing areas of research in forensic psychology.			
5. Identifying and describing the use of psychological principles in criminal courts, family courts, civil courts, law enforcement agencies, and public policy.			
6. Analyzing relationships between forensic psychology and other disciplines.			
7. Describing current issues in forensic psychology.			
Competency 2: The student will demonstrate an understanding of human behavior as it relates to forensic psychology by:		3. Critical thinking 5. Cultural / Global Perspective	
1. Applying psychological theories of human behavior to legal issues.			
2. Describing theories of memory and cognition as they relate to legal issues.			
3. Analyzing risk factors associated with violent behavior.			
4. Describing reasons for and providing examples of malingering and deception.			
5. Analyzing and evaluating the impact of media influences			

and cultural attitudes and values on forensic psychology, including jurors and public perceptions of mental illness.	
<p>Competency 3: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between mental illness and legal issues by:</p>	3. Critical thinking
1. Analyzing the role of mental health issues and psychological factors in the court system including: competency issues, defense strategies, sentencing issues, domestic violence, abuse, and substance use.	
2. Identifying and describing common psychological assessments and tools used in diagnosing mental illness, determining risk factors, identifying malingering, and determining cognitive functioning	
3. Applying knowledge of biopsychosocial factors, assessments, and tools to legal issues.	
<p>Competency 4: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the ethical issues involved in forensic psychology by:</p>	7. Ethical Issues
1. Identifying and describing the ethical principles and guidelines governing forensic psychology	
2. Applying the ethical principles and guidelines of forensic psychology to sample cases.	
3. Developing ethical principles and guidelines of forensic psychology in conjunction with current issues in forensic psychology.	