

PSY525 Psychology in Law Enforcement Services

Level: 5

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

PSY525 Psychology in Law Enforcement Services will cover the application of psychology to the different aspects of crime and offending in law enforcement settings. Topics include the use of psychology in criminal profiling, interviewing, and detection of deception. Specific areas of crime are also addressed from interpersonal crime such as violence and drug offending to border control and transnational crime. Students will also look at the application of psychology to working with victims and crime prevention.

Topics:

- Introduction to psychology in law enforcement organisations settings
- Psychology of crime prevention
- Psychology of crime profiling
- Investigative interviewing
- Detection of deception
- Psychology and victims of crime
- Violent crimes
- Sexual crimes
- Substance use offences
- Technology-based crimes/cyber-dependent crimes
- Technology-enabled/facilitated crimes
- Other psychological applications in law enforcement services

Textbooks:

Crime and Behaviour: And Introduction to Criminal and Forensic Psychology. 2019 'Khader, M. World Scientific

ISBN-13: 9789813279353

Learning Outcome:

- Critique the use of psychology in informing criminal profiling and various aspects of criminal investigation.
- Compare the application of psychology in law enforcement to different crimes, including acts of violent extremism and terrorism.
- Appraise the use of psychology in working with victims of crime.
- Demonstrate skills in applying psychology to criminal profiling and investigative interviewing.
- Analyse how psychology can contribute to law enforcement work in dealing with different types of crime.
- Differentiate psychological skills in managing victims of crime.
- Design crime prevention strategies for current challenges to law and order in Singapore.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRESENTATION 1	20
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	30
Overall Examinable Components	ECA	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.