

SEMESTER-VIII

CPSY-422

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Credit Hour: 3

Type: Major

Course Objectives

Main objective of this Course is:

- Provide orientation to Students of the main concepts, models, assessment and intervention in forensic setting.
- To acquaint Students with contribution of forensic psychologists to the legal system i.e. Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), Judicial and Correctional Settings.
- Train them in Interrogation and assessment and rehabilitation modalities appropriate to the civil and criminal settings. Students would be familiarized with the methods used by forensic psychologists.

Course Contents

- **Introduction to Forensic Psychology**
 - Defining forensic Psychology
 - History of forensic Psychology
 - Scope of Forensic Psychology
 - Status of Forensic Psychology
- **Ethical & Professional Issues**
 - Practicing ethical forensic Psychology
 - Legal, ethical and moral considerations
 - Trainings in forensic Psychology
- **Understanding Legal Rights**
 - Human rights
 - Understanding child rights
 - Women rights
 - Domestic & adult issues
- **Assessment in Forensic Setting**

- Personality assessment in personal injury litigation
- Conducting personal injury evaluation
- Evaluating eyewitness testimony in adults & children
- Competency to stand trial
- **Role of Forensic Psychologist in different settings**
 - Punishments and alternate routes to crime prevention
 - Current status of correctional settings
 - Rehabilitation in correctional settings
 - Criminal offenders" rehabilitation through psychotherapy
- **Perpetrator and Victim**
 - Factors contributing to crimes: (causes, consequences & Prevention)
 - Bullying among offenders
 - Juvenile delinquency
 - Harassment & violence
 - Substance use
 - Child abuse
 - Violence against women
- **Applying Psychology to Crime**
 - Applying Psychology to civil & criminal proceedings
 - Insanity as a defense
 - Specific intent and diminished capacity
 - Juvenile justice system
 - Women rights protection
 - Probation and parole
- **Special Applications**
 - Harassment & violence risk assessment
 - Psychology and law enforcement
 - Prevention of bullying
 - Polygraph testing
 - Forensic Psychology in the Pakistani context
- **Communicating Expert Opinions**
 - Serving as an expert witness
 - Writing forensic reports

Course Outcomes

At the completion of the Course the Student will be able to understand the basic concepts of forensic Psychology, role of forensic psychologists and will be able to apply assessment and investigative skills and assist legal system.

Recommended Books:

Bartol, C.R., & Bartol, A. M. (2012). Introduction to forensic Psychology: Research and application. (3rd ed.). London: Sage Publications, Inc.

Davies, G., & Beech, A. (n.a). Forensic Psychology: Crime, justice, law, interventions. (2nd ed.). UK: BPS Blackwell.

Edi, J. R. A. (2010). Forensic Psychology. (2nd ed.). UK: BPS Blackwell.

Fitzgerald, J. D., & Cox, S.M. (2001). Research methods and statistics in criminal justice: An introduction. (3rd ed.).Australia: Thomson

Laurence, S., & Wrightman, A. (2001). Forensic Psychology. USA: Belmont. Siegel, L. J. (2007). Criminology: Theories, patterns, and typologies. (9th ed.). USA: Thomson Wadsworth

Springer, D. W., & Roberts, A.R. (2007). Handbook of forensic mental health with victims and offenders: Assessment, treatment, and research. New York: Springer Publishing Company L.I.C.

Towel, G. J., & Crighton, D. A. (2010). Forensic Psychology. UK: Blackwell. Weiner, B. A., & Hess, A. (2006). The handbook of forensic Psychology. (3rd ed.). New York: John Wiley & Sons.

Wrights man, L.S., & Fulero, S.M. (2009). Forensic Psychology. (2nd ed.). USA: Thomson Wadsworth.

- **Relevant published articles should be included in the list of reading material**