

Course Name : Law and Psychology							
Course Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab. (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
LAW 303	N/A	Fall	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	4.00
Lecturer		Skënder Brucaj, PhD					
Assistant							
Course language		Albanian					
Course level		Bachelor					
Description		This course is designed to assist students in understanding the legal and psychological approaches to human behavior and how they interact. This course considers diverse points of view, focuses on a wide range of arguments based on varying types of evidence, is self-contained and therefore does not presuppose prior work in psychology or in law, and welcomes comments and suggestions					
Objectives		Students explore how psychological concepts are applied to the criminal and legal processes through the fields of forensic and investigative psychology.					
Core Concepts							
Course Outline							
Week	Topic						
1	Introduction to psychology of law						
2	Theories of Personality						
3	Theories of criminal behavior						
4	Personality Disorders						
5	Sexual crimes. Psychological profiles of offenders						
6	Domestic violence						
7	Victimology: The rights of victims, witnesses psychology						
8	Midterm Exam						
9	Juvenile delinquency						
10	Pornography, cyber bullying, sexting						
11	Terrorism. Theories and characteristics of terrorists						
12	Dissolution of marriage. Divorce and Parenting						
13	The role of the psychologist in criminal and civil cases						
14	Psychological evaluation. Assessment instruments						
15	Rehabilitation of offenders. Probation Service						
16	Final Exam						

Prerequisites	The student must attend the course at a minimum rate of 75%.		
Literature	• Kapardis, Andreas (2003). Psychology and Law: A Critical Introduction (2nd ed.). Cambridge University Press.		
References	• Bartol & Bartol. (2004). Psychology and Law (3rd ed.). Thompson/Wadsworth. • Roesch, R., Zapf. P. A. & Hart, S. D. (2010). “Forensic Psychology and Law”. John Wiley&Sons, Inc. • Brown, J. M. & Campbell, E. A. (2010). “The Cambridge Handbook of Forensic Psychology”. Cambridge University Press.		
Course Outcome			
1	Contrast the perspectives of psychology and law		
2	Demonstrate understanding of psychological research on relevant legal topics (e.g. assessment of risk among criminal offenders, etc.)		
3	Describe the different types of forensic psychological evaluations and the procedures used by psychologists to obtain information that forms the basis of their opinions		
Course Evaluation			
In-term Studies		Quantity	Percentage
Midterms		1	30
Quizzes		0	0
Projects		1	25
Term Projects		0	0
Laboratory		0	0
Class Participation		1	10
Total in-term evaluation percent			65
Final exam percent			35
Total			100
ECTS Workload (Based on Student Workload)			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total (hours)
Course duration (Including the exam week: 16x Total hours of the course)	16	3	48
Study hours outside the classroom (Preparation, Practice, etc.)	14	2	28
Duties	1	6	6
Midterms	1	8	8
Final Exam	1	10	10
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			100
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			4.00
ECTS			4.00