



PSY 339.51W, Forensic Psychology

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2020

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Communication Response Time: Within 24 hours, with the exception of weekends and holidays.

COURSE INFORMATION

Davies, G. M., & Beech, A. R. (2017). *Forensic psychology: Crime, justice, law, interventions* (3rd ed.). New York, New York: John Wiley & Sons Publishing.

Course Description

This is a fully online class that will be administered through D2L.

This course focuses upon the application and practice of psychology in both the civil and criminal justice systems with the following topics examined in depth: police and investigative psychology, family forensic psychology, psychology of crime and delinquency, victimology and victim services, legal psychology, expert witness testimony, consulting psychology, and correctional psychology.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will identify the theories and risks identified for commission of crimes.
2. Students will describe the characteristics and theories about psychopathy.
3. Students will relate the effects of crime of victims.
4. Students will describe strategies for interviewing witness, potential suspects, and other investigative strategies employed to identify criminal offenders.
5. Students will identify characteristics of expert witnesses and other judicial proceedings used in the prosecution of crimes.

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6. Students will describe various assessment and interventions used for incarcerated people.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Students will have the ability to use word processing program and an online learning management platform to complete course successfully.

Instructional Methods

Online class presentations will be used to highlight and elaborate information presented in the texts. Although some information presented in class will cover information in the text, not all presentation information will be in the text. During the semester, other presentation media (e.g., videos) will be used to augment class presentations.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

1. Watch all class presentations.
2. Read the materials.
3. Complete assignments thoroughly and on time.
4. Ask for assistance.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

Assessments

During the semester, students will complete eight chapter tests. All assignments will be equally weighted and students will want to earn as many points as possible. Each test will be worth 12.5 points. There will be a total of 100 points total available in the course. All assignments will be administered through D2L. Each assignment will be composed of multiple choice, multiple select, and short essay questions. Assignments will be announced and posted in advance on D2L.

NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

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Assignments will be posted in D2L.

Week	Chapters and Due Date
Week 1	Chps 1
Week 2	Chps 2; Exam 1
Week 3	Chps 3
Week 4	Chps 4-5; Exam 2
Week 5	Chps 6-7
Week 6	Chps 8-9; Exam 3
Week 7	Chps 10
Week 8	Chps 11-12; Exam 4
Week 9	Chps 14
Week 10	Chps 15; Exam 5
Week 11	Chps 16
Week 12	Chps 17; Exam 6
Week 13	Chps 18
Week 14	Chps 19; Exam 7
Week 15	Chps 20, 22
Week 16	Chps 23; Exam 8

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

The syllabus/schedule are subject to change.

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

The instructor will respond to communications from students within 48 hours. Students will receive immediate feedback on all assignments that are multiple choice. Essay questions will be graded within a week of submission.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

No late assignments will be accepted without instructor approval. No make-up exams will be available. There will be no extra credit for this course.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

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University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

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Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library- Room 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)
<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:
<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

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