

Syllabus (2026-Summer)

Course Title	Criminal Psychology: Exploring the Mind of Criminals	Course No.	
Credit	3 credits	Hours	45 Hours
Class Time Classroom	Mon to Thr Classroom TBA		
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I. Course Overview

1. Course Description

This course introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of criminal psychology, offering a comprehensive overview of the psychological principles underlying criminal behavior. Designed for non-majors with an interest in understanding the psychological aspects of crime and justice, the course provides a foundational understanding of the interactions between human behavior, cognition, and the criminal justice system. Students will explore various theories of crime causation, including biological, psychological, and sociological perspectives, to comprehend the multifaceted nature of criminal behavior. Emphasis will be placed on analyzing the psychological processes influencing criminal decision-making, the development of antisocial behavior, and the interplay between mental health and criminality. By the end of the course, students will have developed a foundational understanding of criminal psychology, enabling them to critically evaluate the psychological explanations of criminal behavior and its implications for society, law enforcement, and the legal system.

2. Prerequisites

This course does not require prior knowledge of psychology.

3. Course Format

Lecture	Discussion/Presentation	Experiment/Practicum	Field Study	Other
50%	30%	10%	%	10%

4. Course Objectives

- Understand Psychological Principles: Grasp the foundational psychological explanation on criminal behavior, including biological, psychological, and sociological perspectives.
- Apply Psychological Concepts to Real Cases: Apply learned theories and principles to analyze and understand actual criminal cases, developing critical thinking skills in the process.
- Facilitate Discussion and Engagement: Foster an environment that encourages active participation, discussion, and exploration of ideas among students, promoting a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

5. Evaluation Systems

☐ Relative evaluation ☒ Absolute evaluation (for Ewha International Summer College students only) ☐ Others

Midterm Exam	Final Exam	Quizzes	Presentation	Projects	Assignments	Participation	Others
30%	%	%	20%	%	%	30%	20%

II. Course Materials and Additional Readings

1. Required Materials

All class materials will be provided in class.

2. Supplementary Materials

All supplementary materials will be provided in class.

3. Optional Additional Readings

All other materials will be provided in class.

III. Course Schedule

Day	Date	Topics & Class Materials, Assignments
Day 1	(6/29)	Introduction to the course Introduction to Criminal Psychology
Day 2	(6/30)	Psychology of Violent Behavior(Aggression)
Day 3	(7/1)	Personality and Crime
Day 4	(7/2)	Memory and Eyewitness Testimony
Day 5	(7/6)	Criminal Profiling
Day 6	(7/7)	Risk Assessment
Day 7	(7/8)	Psychopathy and Antisocial Behavior
Day 8	(7/9)	Psychological Disorders and Criminal Behavior
Day 9	(7/13)	Midterm Exam
Day 10	(7/14)	Juvenile Delinquency
Day 11	(7/15)	Intimate Partner Violence

Day	Date	Topics & Class Materials, Assignments
Day 12	(7/16)	Sexual Violence
Day 13	(7/20)	Homicide
Day 14	(7/21)	Prevention and Rehabilitation
Day 15	(7/22)	Final Presentation
Makeup Classes 1	(mm/dd)	
Makeup Classes 2	(mm/dd)	

IV. Special Accommodations

* According to the University regulation section #57-3, students with disabilities can request for special accommodations related to attendance, lectures, assignments, or tests by contacting the course professor at the beginning of semester. Based on the nature of the students' request, students can receive support for such accommodations from the course professor or from the Support Center for Students with Disabilities (SCSD). Please refer to the below examples of the types of support available in the lectures, assignments, and evaluations.

Lecture	Assignments	Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Visual impairment: braille, enlarged reading materials . Hearing impairment: note-taking assistant . Physical impairment : access to classroom, note-taking assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra days for submission, alternative assignments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Visual impairment: braille examination paper, examination with voice support, longer examination hours, note-taking assistant . Hearing impairment: written examination instead of oral examination . Physical impairment: longer examination hours, note-taking assistant

- Actual support may vary depending on the course.

* The contents of this syllabus are not final—they may be updated.