PSY350A-22: Forensic Psychology

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: PSY101
Exploration Area: None
Major/Minor Requirements: 300-level course for PSY major and PSY minor

Forensic psychology is the interface between psychology and the law. Psychologists who work in legal settings are often confronted with unique questions and diagnostic dilemmas that rarely arise in traditional clinical settings. As a result, a number of specialized assessment techniques and procedures have been developed over the past few decades, many of which are designed to address specific psycho-legal issues. This course will survey the major areas of forensic psychology, including (but not limited to), history of forensic psychology, psychopathy, violent risk assessment, insanity and criminal responsibility, criminal and civil responsibility, child custody and juvenile delinquency.