

Forensic Psychology

E-315-RETT



Year	1
Semester	Spring
Type of course	Core
Prerequisites	E-216-FESA
Schedule	4 hours per week for 12 weeks, 6 ECTS
Lecturer	Anna Kristín Newton og Þórarinn Viðar Hjaltason
Content	
<p>In this course students will build on their foundation of concepts, key issues and theories in social psychology, with emphasis on evidence base and practical implications. Main theories within criminology and forensic psychology will be introduced. In particular, different models and theories used to explain causes of criminal behaviour and the different ways societies respond to such behaviour will be emphasised.</p>	
Learning outcome - On completing the course, each student should be able to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate knowledge of different models and theories used to explain key construct in social psychology. • Explain main theories within criminology and forensic psychology on causes of criminal behaviour and the different ways societies respond to such behaviour. • Interpret and critically evaluate research methods and findings in criminology and forensic psychology. • Participate actively and cooperatively in group assignments and present to the class. 	
Course assessment	
<p>Students are required to write a research paper and lead a 30-minute class discussion on a topic of their choosing. Students are also required to write separate brief written reactions to reading/task assignments. Written examinations will be at the end of the semester. Grades are given on a 0 – 10 point scale. The minimum grade to pass the course is 5.0. The student needs to get a minimum grade of 5.0 in the final exam and a minimum average grade of 5.0 for all course assessment.</p>	
Reading material	
<p>Andrews, D. A. and Bonta, J. (2012). <i>The Psychology of Criminal Conduct</i> (5. ed). Cincinnati: Anderson Publishing Co.</p> <p>Holt, N., Bremner, A., Sutherland, E., Vlieg, M., Passer, M., Smith, R. (2012). <i>Psychology: The Science of Mind and Behavior</i> (2. ed). Berkshire: McGraw-Hill Education.</p>	
Teaching and learning activities	
Lectures, in class exercises and discussions.	
Language of	Icelandic

