



# Course Outline

PSYC1027

Forensic Psychology: Crime, Courts and  
Corrections

School of Psychology

Faculty of Science

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## 1. Staff

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## 2.4 Relationship between course and program learning outcomes and assessments

Program Learning Outcomes			
CLO	1. Knowledge	2. Research Methods	

### **3. Strategies and approaches**

arrangements need to be made regarding access to the course material. Letters of support must be emailed to the course coordinator as soon as they are made available.

## 4. Course schedule and structure

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Each week of this course typically involves 1-2 hours of online lecture material and 2 hours of extra resources. Students are expected to take an additional 8 hours of self-determined study to complete assessments, and exam preparation.

Week	Lecture topic	Lecturer	Online modules and self-determined activities	Assessment	
				Name	Due
<b>Week 1</b> 16/09/2019	Introduction	RK	Refer to Moodle	Weekly Quiz Discussion Forum	Sunday 22

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mented in accordance with UNSW

Weight	Mark	Due date
10%	/10	Weekly by Sunday 11:59pm
10%	/10	Weekly by Sunday 11:59pm

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provide a summary of your experience and prepare a report based on one of the cases you observed. The court observation assignment will be completed in three parts and all three parts must be completed to satisfy assignment requirements. A penalty of 2% per day (including weekends) will apply for late submission of any of the parts.

#### Part 1: Court Etiquette Test (5%)

Before you attend court, it is *very* important that you are familiar with court etiquette. You are required to familiarise yourself with the Court Etiquette Guidelines available on Moodle. You will then need to complete the Court Etiquette Test on Moodle by 11.59pm Sunday of Week 3 (refer to the course schedule). You must achieve 100% on this test to pass, but you may attempt the test as many times as necessary to achieve 100%. **Parts 2 and 3 of this assignment will only be made available once you have achieved 100% on the Court Etiquette Test.** This means that if you don't score 100% by the end of Week 3, you will not be able to complete Parts 2 and 3 and will receive a mark of zero for all three parts of the Court Observation assignment. This would make it extremely difficult for you to pass the course. Refer to the assignment sheet on Moodle for more information about this assignment.

#### Part 2: Observation & Summary (15%)

You will organise to visit court and observe cases. For this part of the assignment, you will choose one of the cases you observed and answer a series of questions about your experience. You are required to provide details about what the case was about (e.g., the charges, who was present), what happened while you were there (e.g., what evidence was presented, whether a jury was present), and your thoughts on the court process (e.g., how the experience compared to your expectations). You will not be able to digitally record the proceedings during your observation and you may not be able to take notes, so it is recommended that you complete the summary as soon as possible after your court observation. The summary template is available on Moodle. You should fill in and submit this template via Turnitin on Moodle by 11.59pm Sunday of Week 6 (refer to the course schedule). Submissions received after results for this assessment have been released will receive a mark of zero. Refer to the assignment sheet on Moodle for more information about this assignment and the marking criteria.

#### Part 3: Report (20%)

Once you have completed Part 2: Summary, you are required to prepare a 1500 word report addressing a psychological question relevant to the case you described. You will then identify three *empirical* journal articles which you will use to answer the psychological question you have chosen. The assignment sheet with the list of psychological questions, report template, resources to help you find and identify empirical journal articles, and a tutorial on writing in science are available on Moodle. To prepare your report, you should fill in and submit the template via Turnitin on Moodle by 11.59pm Sunday of Week 9 (refer to the course schedule). Submissions received after results for this assessment have been released will receive a mark of zero. Refer to the assignment sheet on Moodle for more information about this assignment and the marking criteria.

**Assessment 4:** The final exam will be held in the university examination period **IN PERSON** and **ON CAMPUS** (i.e., not on Moodle). You will have 2 hours to complete the exam, which will consist of multiple choice questions covering all course material (lectures and assessable extra resources). The exact time and date of the exam will be published by the University when available. All students must attend this exam. No online alternative or alternative dates (earlier or later) are available.

**UNSW grading system:** <https://student.unsw.edu.au/grades>

**UNSW assessment policy:** <https://student.unsw.edu.au/assessment>

## 5.2 Assessment criteria and standards

Further details and marking criteria for each assessment are available in the 'Course Assessment' section on Moodle (see 4.1: UNSW Assessment Design Procedure).

### **5.3 Submission of assessment tasks**

**Assessments 2 & 3 (excluding etiquette test):** In accordance with UNSW Assessment Policy the court observation summary and court observation report must be submitted online via Turnitin. No paper or emailed copies will be accepted.

**Late penalties:** D

**Referencing** is a way of acknowledging the sources of information that you use to research your assignments. You need to provide a reference whenever you draw on someone else's words, ideas or research. Not referencing other people's work can constitute plagiarism.

Further information about referencing styles can be located at <https://student.unsw.edu.au/referencing>

**Academic integrity** is fundamental to success at university. Academic integrity can be defined as a commitment to six fundamental values in academic pursuits: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility and courage.<sup>1</sup> At UNSW, this means that your work must be your own, and others' ideas should be appropriately acknowledged. If you don't follow these rules, plagiarism may be detected in your work.

Further information about academic integrity and **plagiarism** can be located at:

The *Current Students* site <https://student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism>, and

The *ELISE* training site <http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise>

The *Conduct and Integrity Unit* provides further resources to assist you to understand your conduct obligations as a student: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/conduct>.

## 7. Readings and resources

<b>Textbook</b>	Nil
<b>Course information</b>	Available on Moodle
<b>Required readings</b>	<a href="#">School of Psychology Student Guide</a> .
<b>Recommended internet sites</b>	<a href="#">UNSW Library</a> <a href="#">UNSW Learning Centre</a> <a href="#">ELISE</a> <a href="#">Turnitin</a> <a href="#">Student Code of Conduct</a> <a href="#">Policy concerning academic honesty</a> <a href="#">Email policy</a> <a href="#">UNSW Anti-racism policy statement</a> <a href="#">UNSW Equity and Diversity policy statement</a> <a href="#">UNSW Equal opportunity in education policy statement</a>

## 8. Administrative matters

The [School of Psychology Student Guide](#) contains School policies and procedures relevant for all students enrolled in undergraduate or Masters psychology courses, such as:

Attendance requirements

Assignment submissions and returns

Assessments  
Special consideration  
Student code of conduct  
Student complaints and grievances  
Disability support services  
Health and safety

It is expected that students familiarise themselves with the information contained in this guide.

## **9. Additional support for students**

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The Current Students Gateway: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/>

Academic Skills and Support: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/academic-skills>

Student Wellbeing, Health and Safety: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/wellbeing>

Disability Support Services: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/disability-services>

UNSW IT Service Centre: <https://www.it.unsw.edu.au/students/index.html>