# **Course Outline**

## 1. Staff

Position Name

#### 2.2 Course Aims

This course aims to provide an introduction and broad overview to the discipline of psychology and law. You will be introduced to a wide range of psychological issues related to aspects of both civil and criminal law. The topics covered will draw on psychological research from various branches of the discipline including cognitive, social, developmental and clinical psychology. The second aim is to encourage an evidence-

## 3. Strategies and Approaches to Learning

## 3.1 Learning and Teaching Activities

Tutorial/laboratory class attendance is compulsory to ensure students are consistently working towards achieving the foundational graduate competencies required by the APAC Accreditation Standards. These Accreditation Standards are incorporated in Program and Course Learning Outcomes. Students must attend the assigned class and attendance is monitored. You should make sure your name has been marked on the class roll for each class you attend. Failure to meet these specified attendance requirements may result in course failure. Explanations for an occasional absence from a class or requests for permission to be absent from a class should be discussed with the lecturer/tutor, and where applicable, accompanied by a medical certificate.

### 4. Course Schedule and Structure

Each week this course typically consists of 2 hours of lecture material, 2 hours of face to face tutorials, and 1 hours of online modules. Students are expected to take an additional 5-7 hours each week of self-determined study to complete assessments, readings, and exam preparation. Initials after each lecture topic indicate the lecturer. Note some lecture are pre-recorded (i.e. there will be no live lecture for those sessions). Textbook chapter refer to 6<sup>th</sup> edition.

Week	Lecture topic/s	Tutorial/lab topics	Online modules	Self-determined activities
Week 1 03/06/2019	Introduction to the Course (RK) What is Forensic Psychology (RK)	Introduction to Course Media Presentations Explained and Assignment to Groups	A Psychologists Guide to the Australian Legal System	Read chapter 1 of text book. Review lecture notes. Review assessment requirements

<b>Week 7</b> 15/07/2019	Mental Illness and Crime (RK) Child Protection (AB)	Witness Interviewing	NSW Child Protection Policies	Read chapters 21 and 22 of text book. Review lecture notes.
Week 8 22/07/2019	Eyewitness Memory 1 (RK) Eyewitness Memory 2 (RK)	Identification Procedures	False Memories in Research and in Case Law Fake news! Misinformation in the Post-T Era	Read chapter 13 of text book. Review lecture notes.
Week 9 29/07/2019	Identification Evidence 1 (RK) The Nature of Offenders (including sex offenders) (JG)	Research Ethics Exam Feedback	Innocent! Some Real Cases of Erroneous Conviction Eyewitness Interviewing	Read chapters 9 and 10 of text book. Review lecture notes.
Week 10 05/08/2019	RECORDED LECTURE Effective Prison and the Treatment of Offenders (KM) Risk Assessment and Psychological Assessment for the Courts (RK)	Assessment and Treatment of Offenders	Public Attitudes to Offenders Concluding Thoughts Careers in Forensic Psychology Research or Clinicians	Read chapters 25 and 27 of text book. Review lecture notes.
Study period 13/08/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Exam preparation
<b>Exam</b> period 16/08/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Exam preparation

Assessment 3: Media Presentation. Students will work in groups of 2

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