

# COURSE DETAIL

## PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Maastricht University - University College Maastricht

**Program(s)**

University College Maastricht

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Psychology Legal Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

110

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

PSYCHOLOGY & LAW

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course focuses on applications of psychology to the legal system. It provides students with insights and knowledge about typical themes within legal psychology. Such themes range from how reliable eyewitness testimonies in court are to whether criminals have a brain dysfunction making them permanently dangerous to society, to the role of experts in court. The role of psychologists within these themes is to ask questions that have a direct relevance to the legal arena and to conduct research to address these questions. Drawing from areas of social, cognitive, developmental, clinical, and neuropsychology this course deals with questions such as: Why do people commit crimes? Are children more susceptible to suggestion than adults? What is an expert witness? How reliable are different kinds of evidence (eyewitness testimonies, confessions etc.)? Are all criminals competent to stand trial? A number of controversies are discussed including the practice of police interrogations, the insanity defense, and the role of psychologists in court and the use of polygraph as a lie-detector test.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

SSC2050

## Host Institution Course Title

PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW

## Host Institution Campus

University College Maastricht

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Social SciencesS

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