

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

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Host Institution Campus

University College Maastricht

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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