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COURSE TITLE

Police Psychology

GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Dept.: CJ	Course Num: 209	(Formerly:)
CIP Code: 43.0107	Intent Code: 21	Program Code: 841
Credits: 5		
Total Contact Hrs Per Qtr.: 55		
Lecture Hrs: 55	Lab Hrs: 0	Other Hrs: 0
Distribution Designation: General Elective GE		

COURSE DESCRIPTION (as it will appear in the catalog)

This course introduces theories of perception, emotion, motivation, personality and nonverbal communication used as tools by police officers in everyday contacts. Understanding behavior and predicting human behavior in common police situations are emphasized. Police family and personal mental health is also covered.

PREREQUISITES

PSYC& 100

TEXTBOOK GUIDELINES

Agreed upon by the department

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to demonstrate the following knowledge or skills:

1. Identify and explain primary human behaviors based on psychology.
2. Explain the basics foundations of human perception, emotion, motivation and personality.
3. Apply their knowledge of human behavior and psychology in basic law enforcement scenarios.
4. Identify how police and criminal justice work can affect them emotionally and psychologically.

INSTITUTIONAL OUTCOMES

IO1 Communication: Students will be able to execute effective oral and written communication skills related to their discipline (e.g., report writing).

IO3 Human Relations/Workplace Skills: Students will be able to explain ethical decision making and know why high personal ethics is vital in criminal justice.

COURSE CONTENT OUTLINE

- I. Introduction to Criminal Behavior and Theories of Behavior
- II. Juvenile Delinquency: Developmental Factors
- III. Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System
- IV. Human Aggression and Violence

- V. Suicide Calls and Information
- VI. Communication and Psychology
- VII. Stress related to the job and family
- VIII. Mental preparation for Criminal Justice Jobs – The survival mindset

DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES *(optional)*

PO4, PO6, PO7, PO8, and PO9 should be assessed.

DIVISION CHAIR APPROVAL

DATE