

OPEN COURSE SYLLABUS

CPS5D02 Fundamentals of Forensic Psychology (54 hours)

CO	CO Statement
CO1	Understand the psychology of Crime
CO2	Understand the psychology of Criminal behavior
CO3	Understand the fundamentals of forensic psychology
CO4	Understand the basics of legal psychology
CO5	Understand the basics of victimology

Unit I: Psychology of Crime (10 hours)

Crime and Criminology- Introduction to Criminology- A brief history of Criminology- Crime and the Criminal law- Ethical issues in Criminology- Careers in Criminology. Nature and extent of Crime.

Definition of Crime- Popular images of Crime and Criminals- Primary and secondary sources of crime data- Crime trends- Myths and facts about Crime. Theories of Crime Causation, Choice theories- Trait theories- Social structure theories- Social process theories- Social conflict theories- Developmental theories.

Unit II: Criminal Behavior (10 hours)

Psychology of violence: Human Aggression and Violence- Development of Delinquent and Criminal behaviour: Juvenile Delinquency- Criminal Psychopathy- Crime and mental disorders-Crime and drug abuse- Psychology of Sexual assault- Psychology of terrorism. Crimes and Criminal offenders (Crime Typologies). Violent interpersonal crimes- Conventional property crime- Public order crimes- White-collar and organized crimes- Cybercrimes

Unit III: Fundamentals of Forensic Psychology (10 hours)

Forensic Psychology: An Overview- Brief history of Forensic Psychology- Forensic Psychology today- Forensic Psychology, Forensic Psychiatry & Forensic Social work- Forensic Psychology as a specialty- Research and Practice Careers in Forensic Psychology. Police and Investigative Psychology:

Policing society- Forensic Assessment in Police and Public safety psychology- Psychological Intervention responsibilities- Operational responsibilities- Profiling- Police Interviewing and Interrogation- Detection of Deception- Forensic Hypnosis- Eyewitness evidence.

Unit IV: Legal Psychology (10 hours)

Consulting and Testifying: Court structure- The Judicial Process- Assessment of risk- Trial and Litigation consultation- Expert Testimony- Surviving the witness stand

Consulting with Criminal Courts: Competency to stand trial- Insanity- Other defenses pertaining to criminal conduct- Sentencing evaluations

Family Law and Other forms of Civil Litigation: Child custody evaluations- Forensic Psychology and Civil Litigation- Civil capacities- Involuntary civil commitment- Sexual and gender harassment

Unit V: Victimology and Victim Services (14 hours)

Multiculturalism and victimization- Legal rights of Victims- Crime victimization data- Psychological effects of criminal victimization- Homicide, Sexual assault, Property crime and Internet Victimization- Child Sexual Abuse- - Child abductions- Repressed and recovered memories- Roles of Forensic psychologist in child abuse cases- Intimate partner and family violence Elder abuse and neglect

Correctional Psychology:

Institutional corrections- Overview of correctional facilities- Legal rights of inmates- Roles of correctional psychologists- Psychological assessment in corrections- treatment and rehabilitation in correctional facilities- Community based corrections- A brief history of Juvenile Court- Juvenile Assessment: An Overview- Psychological treatment in juvenile facilities- Approaches to rehabilitation.

Recommended readings:

- 1.) Siegel, L.J., (2007). *Criminology: Theories, Patterns & Typologies*. (9th ed). Thomson Wadsworth: USA
- 2.) Bartol & Bartol. (2004). *Introduction to forensic Psychology*. Sage publications: USA
- 3.) Burke, R.H., (2014). *An Introduction to Criminological Theory*. (4th ed). CPI Group Ltd: UK
- 4.) Maguire, B., & Radosh, P.F., (1999). *Introduction to Criminology*. Wadsworth Publishing Company: USA
- 5.) Howitt, D., (2002). *Forensic and Criminal Psychology*. Pearson Education: USA