Course Description

Introduces student to the constructs of criminal psychology. Introduces the student to the exploration of criminal investigative analysis, VI-CAP, mental disorders and the etiology of certain criminal behaviors. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a greater understand of psychological profiling and understanding criminal behavior. The course will explore the etiology of specific criminal behaviors and mental disorders.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

a) critically analyze violent and non-violent criminal behavior.
b) assess patterns crime and profiling of techniques.
c) explore the relationship of mental illness and crime.
d) discuss the purpose of psychological assessments of criminal offenders.

Major Topics to Be Covered

a) VI-CAP psychological assessment
b) mental illness
c) theories of behavior
d) various legal requirements for culpability
e) crime typologies
f) profiling techniques

Extra Topics (Optional)

The course may include related topics at the discretion of the instructor.