

Psychology and Law

PSY 2302-01

Fall 2011

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Class Time: TR 2-3:15--**OnLine Time:** On your own

Class Location: Sabin 115

Course Website: <http://www.psychologicalscience.com/psylaw/>

Through a series of lectures, readings, films, activities and discussions this course is designed to provide you with the theoretical and research tools necessary for the understanding and analysis of the discipline of psychology and law.

Hybrid Class Format:

This is a hybrid class that mixes traditional classroom learning with individualized online/out of class learning. The class will consist of a little more than half of the semester devoted to in class meetings, and a little under half in online and out of class activities. Note that reading and preparing are not included in the allocated hours. As with any class, these activities are expected of you above and beyond the required meeting times. Basic computer and internet proficiency is required. If you have never worked with computers or the Internet, this may not be the class for you. This is not a computer class, therefore, basic computer skills instruction is not part of the instruction. The online portion of the class involves interacting with student colleagues. You are expected to be courteous and professional online and in class. Please review the course calendar for in class meeting dates.

Class Participation:

Regular attendance is expected during on-campus class meetings and attendance in the form of meeting online schedules. In order for all of us to get the most out of each on-campus class meeting, it is important that we all do the readings and activities prior to class. You must come to class prepared to engage in a thoughtful discussion of the issues. Signs of good participation include: Attendance, punctuality, eagerness to participate, showing respect to others' contributions, facilitating discussion, paying careful attention to lectures and presentations, and offering constructive feedback, questions, and comments.

Textbooks:

Forensic and Legal Psychology by Costanzo and Krauss

Minds on Trial by Ewing & McCann

Blogging:

You will blog at <http://www.psychologicalscience.com/psylaw>

Topical Blogs:

You will read, watch, or do something and write about it on the blog.

Reading Blogs:

You will read the assigned chapters and write about them on the blog

Mock Crime/Mock Trial:

You will choose a role for this project, prepare for that role, and carry out that role throughout the semester. Several course products will derive from this experience.

Book Analysis:

You are required to write a book analysis for this course. The book analysis is worth 100 points, and about 2000 words long. See Course Resources page for details.

Grades:

No plusses or minuses; no curve. You get the grade according to the points you earn. 89.5% is an A, etc.

Reading blogs-8 @ 10 pts each = 80 pts
1 book analysis @ 100 pts each =100 pts
Topical blogs-15 @ 10 pts each = 150 pts
Role essays 3 @ 20 pts each = 40 pts
Final Role essay 1 @ 50 pts = 50 pts
Mind on Trial essays 3 @ 20 pts each = 60 pts
TOTAL = 480 Points

Cheating & Plagiarism:

DON'T CHEAT! Cheating is any sort of activity that results in you turning in work where you are not the SOLE contributor and developer of the ideas. Copying and pasting ANY content from other people's blog posts (from this semester or others) IS cheating. You are bound to the University's [ethics policies](#). I will be using Turnitin.com to screen book reports.

If you have a disability that could affect your performance in this class:

UNI is committed to equal opportunity in education for all students, including those with documented physical disabilities or documented learning disabilities. It is the responsibility of students to contact the Office of Disability Services (213 Student Services Center-273-2676) to arrange for documentation and accommodation.

If you have University sponsored obligations that require you to miss class:

It is your responsibility to contact me during the first week of class to let me know of your obligations throughout the semester. As soon as you receive your paperwork detailing out the days you will miss class, please provide me with a copy for my files. It is STILL your responsibility, however, to remind me by email at least a day before you are going to miss a class due to your approved obligations, so that we can arrange for any work you might miss. It is your responsibility to ensure that you get makeup assignments from me immediately upon your return. You will need to get class notes from a fellow student.

Academic Assistance. I encourage you to utilize the Academic Learning Center's free assistance with writing, math, science, reading, and learning strategies. UNI's Academic Learning Center is located in 008 ITTC. Visit the website at <http://www.uni.edu/unialc/> or phone 319-273-2361 for more information.