

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Legal Psychology
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	PSY6100

5	Module Overview
<p>The aim of this optional Level 6 module is to introduce you to the field of legal psychology, which is an important area within forensic psychology. Legal psychology focuses on the application of psychological theory and practice to, for example, legal proceedings, the criminal investigation process, and prosecution of offences. Whereas in some cases the theories are specific to forensic psychology, in others we will apply theory and practice from different areas of psychology (e.g. cognitive and social psychology) to legal proceedings and the criminal investigation process. Thus, the module covers a broad range of topics highly relevant to the real world context. This module complements the optional Level 5 Forensic Psychology module. However, having attended the Level 5 module is not a requirement for the Level 6 module.</p> <p>Forensic psychology is one of the key psychological domains recognised by the British Psychological Society and is a popular pathway for graduates who wish to pursue a career in psychology, and it is also one of the core areas of chartered practice in psychology. It is, therefore, important that you have the opportunity to explore the broad array of concepts, issues, and debates with which forensic psychologists are concerned. This module provides you with that opportunity with a specific focus on legal psychology.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
Potential topics may include crime linkage, geographical profiling, and psychological effects of punishment, investigative interviewing, eyewitness testimony, and jury decision-making.	

7	Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
1	Explain how psychological theory and practice can be applied to the legal context.
2	Critically discuss how psychology can inform best practice in the legal context.
3	Evaluate psychological research in the legal context.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1, 2, and 3		X	

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	33	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	37	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	130	
Total Study Hours:	200	