



Information about the subject

Degree: Official Master's Degree in Legal Psychology

Faculty: Faculty of Psychology

Code: 1520001 **Name:** Legal, Forensic and Criminological Fundamentals of the Intervention of the Psychologist

Credits: 6,00 **ECTS Year:** 1 **Semester:** 1

Module: 1. EVALUATION TECHNIQUES IN LEGAL PSYCHOLOGY

Subject Matter: PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW **Type:** Compulsory

Department:

Type of learning: Classroom-based learning

Languages in which it is taught: Spanish

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Course guide

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1520001 - Legal, Forensic and Criminological Fundamentals of the Intervention of the Psychologist

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Module organization

1. EVALUATION TECHNIQUES IN LEGAL PSYCHOLOGY

Subject Matter	ECTS	Subject	ECTS	Year/semester
PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW	6,00	Legal, Forensic and Criminological Fundamentals of the Intervention of the Psychologist	6,00	1/1
EVALUATION METHODOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY IN LEGAL PSYCHOLOGY ASSESSMENT	12,00	Psychopathology in Applied Psychology in the Courts	6,00	1/1
		Systematics and Formulation of Evaluation in Legal Contexts	6,00	1/1
ASSESSMENT IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF LEGAL APPLICATION	6,00	Psychological Expert Reports before the Courts	6,00	1/1

Recommended knowledge

It is recommended that the student have basic knowledge of social psychology, personality, psychopathology, evaluation and cognitive therapies



Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, the student must be able to prove that he/she has acquired the following learning outcomes:

- R1 Students know the legal theory of crime and punishment.
- R2 Understand the possibilities and limitations of penalties and measures.
- R3 Obtain knowledge of exonerating, mitigating and aggravating factors.
- R4 Learn the essential aspects of victimology.
- R5 Students seek social resources for compliance with measures and care for victims.
- R6 Learn about prison surveillance courts and the execution of custodial sentences.
- R7 Understand prison evaluation and classification procedures.
- R8 Students can define the legal capacity and ability to act.
- R9 Understand the limitations of the capacity to act.
- R10 Students become familiar with terms such as incapacity, guardianship, conservatorship, ombudsman, will, custody, visiting rights and capacity to testify.
- R11 Students know the processes of internment.
- R12 Understand the work process.
- R13 Know the accidents, illnesses and incapacities involved in the contentious-administrative processes.
- R14 Students become familiar with the terms: deficiency, disability and handicap within the legal scope.
- R15 Understand the nature, properties and purposes of marriage.



- R16 Study in depth the canonical process and the nullity of marriage.
- R17 Know the impediments and vices of consent in canon law.
- R18 Know the forensic practice in the juridical order and its forensic techniques.
- R19 Learn how to evaluate and interpret forensic evidence.
- R20 Learn how to conduct scene analysis.
- R21 Know the techniques of the crime laboratory.
- R22 Understand the basics of interpreting crime reports.



Competencies

Depending on the learning outcomes, the competencies to which the subject contributes are (please score from 1 to 4, being 4 the highest score):

BASIC		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CB6	Students prove to be original in the development and/or application of ideas, often in a research context.		X		
CB7	Students apply the knowledge acquired and their problem-solving skills in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their area of study.	X			
CB8	Students are able to integrate knowledge and deal with the complexity of making judgments based on information that, being incomplete or limited, includes reflections on social and ethical responsibilities linked to the application of their knowledge and judgments.				X
CB10	Students prove learning skills that will allow them to continue studying in a way that will be largely self-directed or autonomous.			X	

GENERAL		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CG2	Students analyze and contrast the diverse theoretical influences on Legal Psychology (anthropology, criminology, law, human rights, epistemology, legal medicine, sociology and victimology, among others).				X
CG6	Recognize and analyze the demands and needs of individuals within the judicial contexts proposed.		X		
CG7	Elaborate, synthesize and defend the psychological expert reports in the judicial field, with the maximum rigor and sensibility.	X			

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CES7	Promote and contribute to the improvement of the victim's situation and their interaction with the legal system.			X	
CES8	Promote negotiated solutions to legal conflicts, through a mediating intervention that contributes to mitigate and prevent emotional and social damage, and present an alternative to the legal route, where those involved have a predominant role.		X		
CES9	Make scientific and professional contributions in the field of legal psychology.				X
CES10	Become familiar with non-verbal and verbal communication strategies in judicial contexts.	X			
CES16	Know and interpret the different policies associated with prevention, care and intervention at regional, Spanish and European levels, and assess their impact on the contexts of reference.				X

TRANSVERSAL		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CTR1	Know, understand and manage information.	X			
CTR6	Organize and execute action plans within the professional environment, properly managing time, resources and available professionals.		X		
CTR8	Analyze, select and integrate relevant interdisciplinary information within the field of action.			X	
CTR10	Establish and maintain relationships with other professionals to contrast and validate knowledge and realities.			X	
CTR11	Share and disseminate academic and professional knowledge through effective oral and/or written communication.	X			
CTR12	Students keep updated and reorganize the knowledge and competences related to the own framework of action.				X



Assessment system for the acquisition of competencies and grading system

Assessed learning outcomes	Granted percentage	Assessment method
R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22	25,00%	Attendance and active participation in the face-to-face and practical sessions.
R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22	60,00%	Performance of objective tests.
R2, R3, R6, R7, R10, R14, R19, R20, R21, R22	15,00%	Individual theoretical-practical activities that can be evaluated (diagnoses, experts, etc).

Observations

- Individual tests are written or oral and may combine multiple-choice questions with open-ended questions.
- Active participation is assessed through practical activities carried out throughout the course.
- To pass the course, students must pass each assessment instrument separately.
- To be awarded an Honors Distinction, students must demonstrate excellence in all competencies and learning outcomes.

USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Citation and attribution criteria:

- Any use of AI tools must be explicitly declared in the submitted document (for example, in a footnote or appendix).
- The name of the tool, its intended use, and the sections of the work in which it was employed must be specified.
- Responsible use of AI will be evaluated as part of the originality and academic integrity criteria.
- Students may use AI for clarifying questions related to learning activities, assisted learning (alternative explanations or self-assessment exercises), searching for additional study resources and references, organizing ideas, receiving feedback on the clarity or coherence of their own texts, grammar checks and improving written documents, simulating interviews, questionnaires, or conversations as part of data collection practice, and any other activity agreed upon with the



instructor.

In accordance with the regulations governing the assessment and grading of subjects in force at UCV, the distinction of "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may be awarded to students who have achieved a grade of 9.0 or higher. The number of "Matrículas de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may not exceed five percent of the students enrolled in the group for the corresponding academic year, unless the number of enrolled students is fewer than 20, in which case a single "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may be awarded.

Exceptionally, these distinctions may be assigned globally across different groups of the same subject. Nevertheless, the total number of distinctions awarded will be the same as if they were assigned by group, but they may be distributed among all students based on a common criterion, regardless of the group to which they belong. The criteria for awarding "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) will be determined according to the guidelines stipulated by the professor responsible for the course, as detailed in the "Observations" section of the evaluation system in the course guide.

Learning activities

The following methodologies will be used so that the students can achieve the learning outcomes of the subject:

- M1 Presentation of contents by the teaching staff, analysis of competencies, explanation and demonstration of capacities, skills and knowledge in the classroom.
- M2 Group work sessions supervised by the teaching staff. Case studies, expert analysis, theoretical analysis, field study, visits to resources, data search (libraries, network, Internet, etc.). Significant construction of knowledge through student interaction and activity. Critical analysis on values and social commitment.
- M4 Student's study -with/without support in the platform- that includes individual preparation of readings, reports, counter reports, evaluations, essays, problem solving, programs, memories, etc. to expose or deliver in the theoretical classes, practical classes and/or tutorials.
- M7 Personalized attention and in small groups during the period of instruction and/or orientation carried out by a tutor or mentor with the objective of reviewing and discussing the materials and topics presented in the sessions, seminars, readings, completion of papers, etc.
- M9 Set of oral and/or written tests used in the initial, formative or additive evaluation of the student.



IN-CLASS LEARNING ACTIVITIES

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
FACE-TO-FACE LESSONS M1	R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R22	40,00	1,60
PRACTICE CLASSES M2	R5, R19, R20, R21, R22	12,00	0,48
TUTORIALS M7	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22	4,00	0,16
CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES M9	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22	4,00	0,16
TOTAL		60,00	2,40

LEARNING ACTIVITIES OF AUTONOMOUS WORK

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
SELF-EMPLOYMENT (WITH OR WITHOUT PLATFORM SUPPORT) M4	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22	90,00	3,60
TOTAL		90,00	3,60



Description of the contents

Description of the necessary contents to acquire the learning outcomes.

Theoretical contents:

Content block	Contents
LESSON 1- CRIMINAL LAW	Basic notions of criminal law: concept of criminal law, legal theory of crime, and the crimes of homicide and murder
LESSON 2- CRIMINAL PROCEDURAL LAW	Summary of adult criminal proceedings: ordinary criminal procedure, abbreviated procedure, speedy trial, and trial for minor offense
LESSON 3- CRIMINAL LAW OF MINORS	Synthesis of the criminal law of minors and its jurisdiction: differences between adult criminal law and juvenile criminal law
LESSON 4-VICTIMOLOGY	Analysis of the most relevant instruments of victimology: concept of victim, secondary victimization, especially vulnerable victims with especial consideration to the victim of gender violence, the statute of the victim, the crime victim assistance office, the restorative justice with special consideration of the victim offender mediation
LESSON 5- PENOLOGY AND PENITENTIARY LAW	Basic notions of penology and penitentiary law: classes of penalties, execution and suspension the imprisonment, penitentiary system, establishments and settlement of convictions
LESSON 6-CIVIL LAW OF THE PERSON AND THE FAMILY WITH ESPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO MATRIMONIAL LAW	Basic notions of civil law of the person and the family: legal capacity and capacity to act, civil incapacitation and internments, right to food, and marriage law, their crises (nullity, divorce and civil separation) and protective instruments, the adoption people



LESSON 7. LABOR LAW PROCESS AND CONTENTIOUS-ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

Basic notions of labor law process and contentious-administrative process as well as the substantive rights that sustain it. The labor process, its principles and the test. The administrative procedure: phases and classes, the administrative act, and the capacity to act to be administered

LESSON 8-CANONICAL MATRIMONIAL LAW

Basic notions of the canonical matrimonial law: property and purposes of canonical marriage, marriage nullity, consent and its vices, impediments

LESSON 9- LEGAL MEDICINE AND ASSESSMENT OF FORENSIC EVIDENCE

Basic notions of the legal medicine and assessment of forensic evidence: concept of legal medicine, chart and operation of the institute legal medicine and forensic sciences

LESSON 10- Introduction of the criminalistica science

Basic notions of the criminalistica science: scientific police, the expert report, evidences, introduction of the lofoscopy, stains and traces, intervention of the first agents at the scene of the events



Temporary organization of learning:

Block of content	Number of sessions	Hours
LESSON 1- CRIMINAL LAW	6,00	12,00
LESSON 2- CRIMINAL PORCEDURAL LAW	2,00	4,00
LESSON 3- CRIMINAL LAW OF MINORS	2,00	4,00
LESSON 4-VICTIMOLOGY	4,00	8,00
LESSON 5- PENOLOGY AND PENITANTIARY LAW	2,00	4,00
LESSON 6-CIVIL LAW OF THE PERSON AN THE FAMILY WITH ESPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO MATRIMONIAL LAW	6,00	12,00
LESSON 7. LABOR LAW PROCESS AND CONTESTIOUS-ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS	2,00	4,00
LESSON 8-CANONICAL MATRIMONIAL LAW	2,00	4,00
LESSON 9- LEGAL MEDICINE AND ASSESSMENT OF FORENSIC EVIDENCE	2,00	4,00
LESSON 10- Introduction of the criminalistica science	2,00	4,00



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