

**WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COURSE SYLLABUS**

FACULTY MEMBER:

TERM:

GOAL F:

Students will use appropriate written and oral skills.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

- F-1.** Utilize professional writing skills to analyze and cite appropriate sources (e.g. APA format) to express and convey empirical research.
- F-2.** Research, construct and deliver professional presentations using a variety of communication tools and techniques.

METHODOLOGY:

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Week One Position Paper

There are many psychological assessments and tests that are utilized by mental health professionals within the criminal justice environment. The most frequently used tests in forensic evaluations are the following: Weschler Adult Intelligence Scale-WAIS, Minnesota Multiphase Personality Inventory-MMPI, Rorschach Inkblot test and the Hare Psychopathy Check List-Revised (PCL-R). The most commonly used Psychological assessments are one's regarding the insanity plea, competency to stand trial and prediction of violence.

Why are these tests and assessments of value? Do you believe that we should be using these

After reading the text and the supplemental articles, please conduct your own research and detail arguments on both sides of this issue then take a position on whether or not you believe that racial and ethnic criminal profiling techniques should be used in the war against terrorism.

Week Five Final Research Presentation with Audio Preview

For this assignment, please identify the specific mental health and the law topic that you plan on researching for your Research Presentation. You will also be required to provide a list of potential primary sources that you have considered using in your final draft. Please provide the list of sources in APA format. Please remember that the Research Presentation must include at least four scholarly resources found outside of the course material provided. The purpose of this Research Presentation is to:

Ensure that you do not wait until the seventh week to begin your research; and to Help ensure that you have selected an appropriate topic and are on **the** right track to successful completion of this assignment.

Week Six Case Study

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Psychological Autopsies
Hostage Crisis Situations and the role of the Mental Health Professional

Once your topic has been approved, you will be required to create a 10-15 minute PowerPoint Presentation with AUDIO. Please incorporate the following information into your presentation:

History and overview of your psycho-legal topic and how it pertains to the U.S. legal system and the realm of psychology.

Critical review of the topic (What are your personal views about this topic, Evaluate the research on this topic, What do you consider to be the next upcoming issue of future direction of your selected topic).

Please remember to include at least four scholarly resources found outside of the course material.

Six Discussion Board Assignments

There will be a weekly discussion board assignment for every week except for week four. In addition to the readings from the course, students are expected to prepare for several online sessions through researching and reading articles that apply or evaluate a theoretical approach to practice. Students are expected to be consistently searching for scholarly evidence to support their discussions and participation.

COURSE SCHEDULE AND CHECKLIST:

Week	Assignments	Due Dates
1	Week 1 Discussion Board Week 1 Compare and Contrast Paper Week 1 Position Paper	<u>Initial DB post</u> -Wednesday of week 1 Additional Responses to DB-Sunday evening of week 1 Compare

<p>4</p>	<p>Week 4 Compare and Contrast Paper Week 4 Eyewitness Testimony Exercise</p>	<p><u>Compare and Contrast paper</u>-Sunday evening of week 4 <u>Eyewitness Testimony exercise</u>-Sunday evening of week 4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Week 5 Discussion Board Week 5 Issue Paper Week 5 Final Research Presentation with Audio Preview</p>	<p><u>Initial DB post</u>-Wednesday of week 5 <u>Additional Responses to DB</u>-Sunday evening of week 5 <u>Issue Paper</u>-Sunday evening of week 5 <u>Final Research Presentation w/AUDIO Preview</u>-Sunday evening of week 5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Week 6 Discussion Board Week 6 Case Study</p>	<p><u>Initial DB post</u>-Wednesday of week 6 <u>Additional Responses to DB</u>-Sunday evening of week 6</p>