

LEGAL PSYCHOLOGY

Faculty of Educational Sciences

Study program: Bachelor in Psychology

Course Title: Legal Psychology

Course Credits: 8

Language of Instruction: Albanian

Course Description: “Legal Psychology” is presented as an important sub-discipline in the field of psychology, which is developed especially in the last two decades. This sub-discipline represents a combination of two disciplines, psychology and legal studies, and is based on the common elements of these two fields.

Course Goals: The objective of the course is to equip the student with general knowledge in the field of Legal psychology. The student will be introduced to the role of the psychologist in the judicial system and his involvement in issues such as the construction of psychological profiles of law breakers, eyewitness testimony, court expertise, determining the ability/inability to judge, aggressiveness in context, etc. These general themes are accompanied by the discussion of more specific issues in the field of legal psychology, such as domestic violence or the validity of children's testimonies. This course emphasizes the ever-growing role of the psychologist in the legal field. At the end of this course, the student is expected to have acquired basic knowledge, on the latest developments in the field of legal psychology, and to have familiarized himself with the main duties of a legal psychologist.

Course Requirements: The final assessment will be reflected in the amount of points that students have accumulated based on the following:

- Active participation in the seminars hours - 15 points (maximum).
- Course assignment - 15 points (maximum).
- Mid-term exam - 10 points (maximum).
- Final written exam - 60 points (maximum).

Grading: Grade 10 (96-100 points); Grade 9 (86-95 points); Grade 8 (76-85 points); Grade 7 (66-75 points); Grade 6 (56-65 points); Grade 5 (45-55 points); Grade 4 (less than 45 points).

Course Schedule: This course takes place in the first semester, with weekly academic workload 4/2 (four hours lectures, two hours seminars). Seminars attendance is mandatory not less than 75% of hours.