

FACULTY OF LAW

Department: Security and Safety

Professional Area: National Security

Major: Counteraction to Crime and Public Order Protection

Educational-and-qualification Degree: Bachelor

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. Course unit title: Legal Psychology
2. Course unit code: PSY 2003
3. Type of course unit: elective
4. Level of course unit: Bachelor
5. Year of study: first
6. Semester when the course unit is delivered: second
7. Number of ECTS credits allocated: 4,5
8. Name of lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Petar Neshev, PhD

9. Learning outcomes of the course unit: students acquire knowledge in the field of psychology and in one of its sections – legal psychology, with the latest settings in theory and practice. The lecture course presents the nature and specifics of legal psychology. Students acquire psychological knowledge of fighting crime in three main areas learning the nature and characteristics of criminal behavior and criminal realization of the individual, organization of work in identifying, investigating and prosecuting offenders, organizing preventive activities and the activities of penitentiary institutions.

10. Mode of delivery: face-to-face

11. Prerequisites and co-requisites: Students are required to have knowledge of the psychology of personality and social psychology.

12. Course contents: The course aims to present the theory and recent achievements in the field of legal psychology. Psychological knowledge and skills which students acquire give an opportunity to clarify better and more completely certain trends in crime and criminal behavior, to analyze most deeply a certain operational, investigative and judicial experience, to improve and use more effective methods and means in the work of the bodies involved in the fight against crime.

13. Recommended or required reading:

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1. Гайдаров, К. (2007). Криминалната личност. София.
2. Ганчевски Б. (2011). Психодиагностика на криминалното поведение. София
3. Маджаров, Е. (2007). Юридическа психология. София
4. Нешев, П. (2010). Проблеми на социалната психология. Велико Търново
5. Стаменкова Н. (2009). Професионална психодиагностика (2-ро допълнено изд.). Варна
6. Станков, Б. (2009). Организирана престъпност, София

Required reading:

1. Станков, Б. (2006). Психология на престъплението. София
2. Чуфаровский, Ю., Еникеев, М. (2007). Юридическая психология. Учебник 10-е издание. Москва

14. Planned learning activities and teaching methods: 30 hours of lectures and 15 hours of seminars

15. Assessment methods and criteria: The evaluation methods consist of placing tasks in the form of tests and course assignments during semester classes and individual tasks as out-of-class workload. After their presentation, they are checked and assessed by the lecturer. The assessment criteria are the accuracy, adequacy of analysis and correctness of the made interpretation. During the first class, when introducing bachelor students in the subject area, they are informed that their completed tasks are assessed by a points system and this assessment grade can be final for the semester, in case of students are not satisfied, they has the opportunity to sit a written examination – test on questions from the synopsis. An Excellent grade 6/A is awarded when students have received a total of 10 points; Excellent 6/B-when students have received an average of 9-8 points; Very good 5/B-when students have received 7-6 points; Very Good 5/C-5 points; Good 4/D-4 points; Satisfactory 3/E-3 points; under 3 points–Poor 2/F.

16. Language of instruction: Bulgarian

17. Work placement: none.