

DOCTORAL STUDIES COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Name of subject	Field of science, code	Faculty / Center	Institute / Department
Forensic Psychology: Achievements, Problems and Prospects	S 006	Faculty of Philosophy	Institute of Psychology

Student's workload	Credits	Student's workload	Credits
Lectures		Consultations	
Independent study	7	Seminars	

Course annotation
<p>The interconnection and differences between psychology and law, psychology in law application practice. The development and main branches of forensic psychology. The research methods of forensic psychology and problems of their application.</p> <p>Participation of psychologists in the crime investigation activities. Interrogation of witnesses, suspects and victims of crime, the exactness and reliability of their testimonies. The features and problems of children interrogation. The possibilities and problems of lies detection while disclosing crime evidence. The main psychological issues in the crime investigation and its possible solutions.</p> <p>The purpose, features, types and functions of forensic psychological expertise. The obligations, rights and qualification requirements of the court expert psychologists. The psychological expertise in a court: the current status, problems and possible solutions.</p> <p>The role of psychologist in civil litigation. The child custody evaluation in divorce proceedings. The psychological assessment of the abuse and neglect applied to children. The assessment of mental injury experienced by an individual. The assessment of different individual abilities (to perform certain type of work, to make decisions, etc.) in case of civil dispute. The main psychological issues in the civil litigation and its possible solutions.</p> <p>Psychologist as the participant of criminal proceedings. The psychological evaluation of person's competence to stand trial and his / her criminal responsibility. Mental disorders, extreme emotional disturbance and the problems of person's criminal responsibility. The problems of violence risk assessment and management. Court as the arena of social and psychological impact. The main psychological issues in the criminal trial and its possible solutions.</p> <p>The problem of justice in law and psychology. Procedural, distributive and restorative justice concepts and theoretical models. The factors and effects of perceived procedural justice. The relationships between procedural justice and trust in legal officers and legal institutions. Procedural justice in justice system: the current status, problems and possible solutions.</p> <p>Offenders' and law enforcement officers' decision making. Creativity and crime: how criminals use creativity to succeed. Heuristics in law application practice. Behavioural economics and the law.</p> <p>Psychological requirements for law enforcement officers. The types of psychological services provided for law enforcement officers: assessment and selection, consulting, training, scientific research, etc. The current status, main problems and its possible solutions in providing psychological services for law enforcement officers.</p> <p>The concept, origins and areas of application of therapeutic jurisprudence. The legal system and the person's psychological well-being. The problems and perspectives of therapeutic jurisprudence.</p> <p>The principles and norms of the professional ethics of forensic psychologists. The most frequently encountered dilemmas of professional ethics of the forensic psychologists and its possible solutions.</p> <p>Prerequisites: The Master's degree in psychology.</p>
Reading list
<p>Ackley C. N., Mack S. M., Beyer K., Erdberg P. (2011). Investigative and forensic interviewing: A personality-focused approach. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.</p> <p>Applied issues in investigative interviewing, eyewitness memory and credibility assessment. (2013). Ed. by B. S. Cooper, D. Griesel, M. Ternes. New York: Springer.</p>

Behavioral economics and the law. (2014). Ed. by E. Zamir, D. Teichman. New York: Oxford University Press.
Blau T. H. (1998). The psychologist as expert witness. 2-nd ed. New York: John Wiley and Sons.
Communication in investigative and legal contexts: Integrated approaches from forensic psychology, linguistics and law enforcement. (2016). Ed. by G. Oxburgh, T. Myklebust, T. Grant, R. Milne. Chichester: Wiley.
Detecting deception: Current challenges and cognitive approaches. (2015). Ed. by P. A. Granhag, A. Vrij, B. Verschuere. Chichester: Wiley / Blackwell.
Forensic psychology: Emerging topics and expanding roles. (2007). Ed. by A. M. Goldstein. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.
Handbook of police psychology. (2011). Ed. by J. Kitaeff. New York: Routledge.
Handbook of psychology of investigative interviewing: Current developments and future directions. (2009). Ed. by R. Bull, T. Valentine, T. Williamson. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell.
Handbook of psychology. Vol. 11. Forensic psychology. (2003). Ed. by A. M. Goldstein, I. B. Weiner. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.
Handbook of trial consulting. (2011). Ed. by R. L. Wiener, B. H. Bornstein. New York: Springer.
Heuristics and the law. (2006). Ed. by G. Gigerenzer, C. Engel. Cambridge: The MIT Press.
Huss M. T. (2014). Forensic psychology: Research, clinical practice and applications. 2-nd ed. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
Lamb M. E., Hershkowitz I., Orbach Y., Esplin P. W. (2008). Tell me what happened: Structured investigative interviews of child victims and witnesses. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell.
Psychological expertise in court: Psychology in the courtroom. (2009). Ed. by D. A. Krauss, J. D. Lieberman. Vol. 2. Burlington: Ashgate,.
Psychological science in the courtroom: Consensus and controversy. (2009). Ed. by J. L. Skeem, K. S. Douglas, S. O. Lilienfeld. New York: The Guilford Press.
Research methods in forensic psychology. (2011). Ed. by B. Rosenfeld, S. D. Penrod. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.
Stahl P. M., Simon R. A. (2014). Forensic psychology consultation in child custody litigation: A handbook for work product review, case preparation and expert testimony. Chicago, IL: ABA Publishing.
Stress, trauma and wellbeing in the legal system. (2013). Ed. by M. K. Miller, B. H. Bornstein. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
The Cambridge handbook of forensic psychology. (2010). Ed. by J. M. Brown, E. A. Campbell. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
The forensic psychologist's report writing guide. (2017). Ed. by S. Brown, E. Bowen, D. Prescott. London: Routledge.
The handbook of forensic psychology. (2006). Ed. by I. B. Weiner, A. K. Hess. 3-rd ed. Hoboken NJ: John Wiley and Sons.
The handbook of forensic psychology. (2014). Ed by I. B. Weiner, R. K. Otto. 4-th ed. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
The Oxford handbook of behavioral economics and the law. (2014). Ed by E. Zamir, D. Teichman. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Therapeutic jurisprudence and victim participation in justice. (2011). Ed. by E. Erez, M. Kilchling, J.-A. Wemmers. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.
Tyler T.R. (2006). Why people obey the law. Princeton: Princeton University press.
Wrightsmann L.S. (2012). Judicial decision making: Is psychology relevant? New York: Springer Science+Business Media.

The names of consulting teachers	Science degree	Main scientific works published in a scientific field in last 5 year period
Gintautas Valickas	Dr. (HP)	<p>Valickas, G., Vanagaitė, K. (2017). Teismo posėdžio dalyvių teisėsaugos institucijų ir pareigūnų elgesio vertinimai: 2012 ir 2015 metų tyrimų duomenys. <i>Teisė, 102</i>, 31–49.</p> <p>Maceina, T., Valickas, G. (2017). 2016 Lithuanian parliamentary elections: Implicit and explicit attitudes of young adults toward the political parties. <i>Politologija, 4 (88)</i>, 66–104.</p> <p>Čepas, A., Dobryninas, A., Valickas, G. (red.) (2018). <i>Nužudymai Lietuvoje</i>. Monografija. Vilnius: Justitia. –</p>

	<p>343 p.</p> <p>Valickas, G. (red.) (2018). <i>Teisėjų elgesio ir įvaizdžio socialinė percepcija</i>. Monografija. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. – 688 p.</p> <p>Maceina, T., Valickas, G. (2019). Teisėjų sprendimų priėmimas: intuityvus ir racionalus informacijos apdorojimas. <i>Teisė</i>, 110, 61–79.</p> <p>Valickas, G., Vanagaitė, K. (2019). Prokurorų patiriamo streso ir jo įveikos ypatumai: dviejų tyrimų duomenys. <i>Teisė</i>, 112, 46–69.</p> <p>Čunichina, K., Valickas, G., Navickas, V., Pakalniškienė, V. (2020). The image of judges and courts perceived by children. <i>Psychology and Law</i>, 10 (1), 133–142.</p> <p>Cimalanskaitė-Kazlauskienė, V., Valickas, G. (2020). Pataisos įstaigų ir jų darbuotojų įvaizdžio ypatumai. <i>Teisė</i>, 115, 19–41.</p> <p>Valickas, G., Švedas, G., Vanagaitė, K., Barysė, D. (2021). COVID-19 pandemijos pirmos bangos metu Lietuvoje taikytų ribojimų ir draudimų vertinimas. <i>Teisė</i>, 121, 8–26.</p> <p>Vanagaitė, K., Valickas, G., Mikuličiūtė, V., Čunichina, K. (2021). <i>Vaikų teisinė ir ekonominė socializacija</i>. Mokomoji knyga. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. – 264 p.</p> <p>Valickas, G., Vanagaitė, K. (2022). Lietuvos prokurorų ir prokuratūrų įvaizdis. <i>Teisė</i>, 122, 104–124.</p>
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