

# Forensic Psychology

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## Description:

Forensic Psychology deals with different aspects of how Psychology is applied to criminal proceedings, including police investigations. We will focus on two main fields of forensic psychology: prediction of criminal behavior and threat assessment as well as detection of deception in the context of witness testimony. The course will not only provide the theoretical knowledge behind those applied methods but also give participants the opportunity to take part in a simulated risk assessment of fictitious cases and exercise the criteria-based statement analysis to reveal deception in a demo witness testimony.

The course is divided into two parts:

I "Input" via video material: A link to the video material will be provided at least one week before beginning of the course. Preparatory work using the video material is strongly recommended (Video 1: Risk & Threat Assessment; Video 2: Detection of Deception).

II "Case studies & practical exercises" via online session (08.-09.10.21; 09:15-14:00): Online sessions will be held using ZOOM. The meeting link will be sent to you shortly before the session. During the online sessions we will first recapitulate the input part and continue with practical exercises to apply and get familiar with the learned methods.

There will be a written exam after the course.

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## For further reading (optional):

"The Handbook of Criminological Theory" 2016, A. Piquero

"The Oxford Handbook of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology" 2019, D. Farrington, L. Kazemian & A. Piquero

"Tomorrow's Criminals: The Development of Child Delinquency and Effective Interventions" 2016, R. Loeber, N. W. Slot, M. Hoeve

„The Detection of Deception in Forensic Context“ 2009, P. A. Granhag & L. A. Strömwall

„Detecting lies and deceit“ 2008, Aldert Vrij

"International Handbook of Threat Assessment", 2014, R. Meloy & J. Hoffmann