FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT: CRJ/PSY  
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COURSE TITLE: Forensic Psychology  
COURSE CODE: CRJ/PSY 300  
CREDITS: 3  
CONTACT HOURS: 45

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course introduces the student to the study of forensic psychology, a discipline that applies psychology to the law and the criminal justice system. Topics to be covered include: the psychologist's role in the criminal courts, ethical dilemmas of psychologists working in the criminal justice system, psychological perspective on the nature of criminality and the investigation of crime, criminal profiling, the effects of psychological empirical research on the outcome of criminal trials, and the psychology of the police, witnesses, offenders, and victims. Other new research topics in the field, such as the use of brain fingerprinting technology to determine criminal culpability will also be explored. Students cannot receive credit for both CRJ 300 and PSY 300. Prerequisite(s): PSY 101 or CRJ 100. Credits: 3 (3,0)

PREREQUISITIES: PSY 100 OR CRJ 100

REQUIRED FOR: Criminal Justice/Psychology

ELECTIVE FOR: All curricula with upper level social science electives.