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This course provides an introduction to forensic psychology – the application of psychological knowledge to issues related to the legal system. The course will follow an offender through the criminal justice system, from the offence and pre-trial right through to court, conviction, punishment, sentencing, and finally to treatment and release. Some of the topics covered include: theories of offending, punishment, eyewitness memory, mental health assessments, expert evidence, jury decision making, the effectiveness of treatment programs for offenders, mental illness and offending, and the rehabilitation of offenders. Students will observe court, where they will get first-hand experience of the criminal justice system in action. On completion of the course students will have an appreciation of some of the ways psychologists interact with and can contribute to the criminal justice system. This is a fully online course. All course content and assessment is delivered via Moodle. No prior science or psychology knowledge is required.

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This course aims to provide an introduction to forensic psychology. You will learn how psychologists play a critical role in the criminal justice system, and how psychological research can inform many aspects of the legal process.

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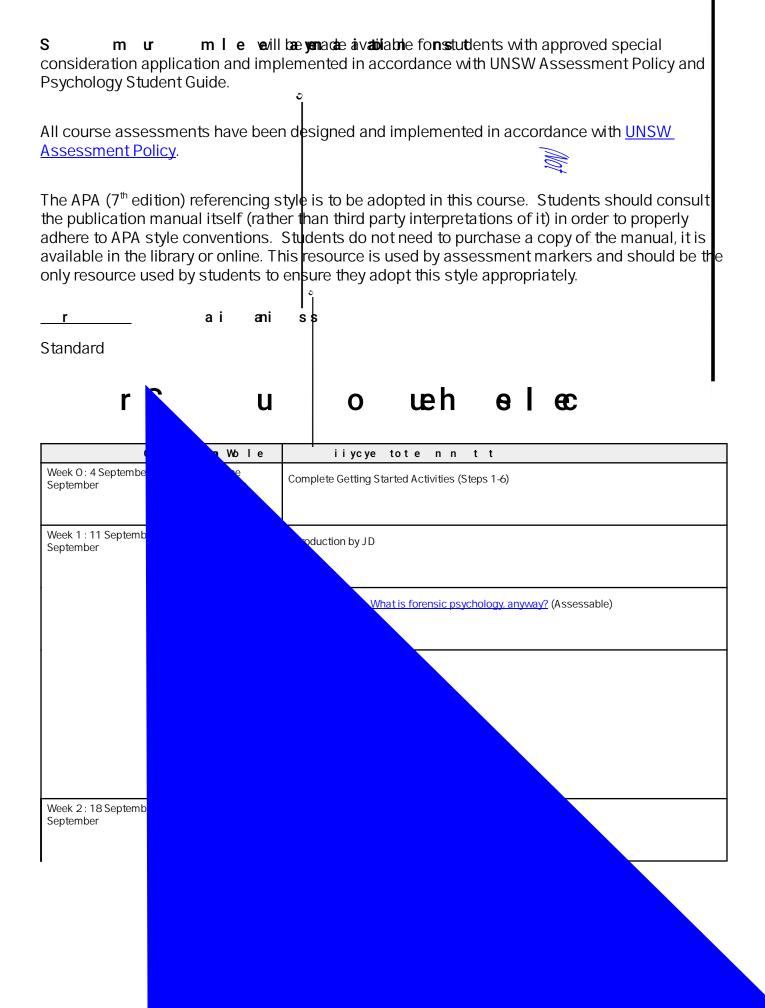
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|  |            | Due Sunday September 24 at 11:59pm  |
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| Week 3: 25 September - 29<br>September | Lecture    | Court by RK   |
|  | Reading    | Week 3 Extra Resource (Assessable) Are docks fair on an accused? - The Law Report (Assessable)  |
|  | Assessment | Weekly Quiz   |
|  |            | Discussion Forum  |
|  |            | Due Sunday October 1 at 11:59pm   |
| Week 4: 2 October - 6 October          | Lecture    | Pre-trial by RK   |
|  | Reading    | Intellectual disabilities and the law - The Law Report (Assessable) Acquired brain injuries in prison - The Law Report (Assessable) NSW Drug Court 3-part series - Earshot (Not assessable) |
|  | Assessment | Weekly Quiz   |
|  |            | Discussion Forum  |
|  |            | Due Sunday October 8 at 11:59pm   |
| Week 5: 9 October - 13 October         | Lecture    | Conviction by KM  |
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Reading

Wells (2003) - Eyewitness testimony (Assessable)
McClellan (2011) - Looking inside the jury room (Assessable)
Forensic science -

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|                                    |            | Due Sunday October 15 at 11:59pm   |  |  |  |
| Week 6:16 October - 20<br>October  | Other      | Flexibility Week - No lectures or assessments  |  |  |  |
| Week 7: 23 October - 27<br>October | Lecture    | Sentencing by KM   |  |  |  |
|                                    | Reading    | Mandatory Sentencing: Does it reduce crime? - ABC News FactCheck (Not assessable) 'You be the judge' Virtual Sentencing - Sentencing Advisory Council (Not assessable) |  |  |  |
|                                    | Assessment | Weekly Quiz  |  |  |  |
|                                    |            | Discussion Forum   |  |  |  |
|                                    |            | Due Sunday October 29 at 11:59pm   |  |  |  |
| Week 8: 30 October - 3<br>November | Lecture    | Punishment by RK   |  |  |  |

Reading

BOCSAR Report Summary - Does going to prison reduce the risk of further offending? (Assessable)
We are all criminals (Not assessable)
Prison - Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (Not assessable)
Death Penalty - Last Week Tonight with

Due Sunday November