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**Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)**  
**B. Sc with Major Forensic Psychology Batch (2025-29)**  
**SEMESTER II**

**BFPSY201 FUNDAMENTALS OF FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY**

COURSE CODE	CATEGORY	COURSENAME	TEACHING&EVALUATIONScheme								
			THEORY			PRACTICAL		L	T	P	CREDITS
			ENDSEM University Exam	Two Term Exam	Teachers Assessment*	ENDSEM University Exam	Teachers Assessment*				
BFPSY201	Major	Fundamentals of Forensic Psychology	60	20	20	60	40	4	0	4	6

**Legends-** Lecture's-Tutorial/Teacher Guided Student Activity; P- Practical's-Credit.

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**Course Educational Objectives:** The objective of studying the paper is -

- CEO.1. The overview of forensic psychology and its applications.
- CEO.2. The legal aspects of forensic psychology.
- CEO.3. The significance of criminal profiling.
- CEO.4. The importance of psychological assessment in criminal behaviors.
- CEO.5. The tools and techniques required for detection of deception.

**Course Outcomes: The Outcome of studying the paper is-**

- CO.1. Be able to understand the concepts of forensic psychology.
- CO.2. Be able to distinguish the various psychological states of mind of psychology patient.
- CO.3. Be familiar to criminal profiling.
- CO.4. Be able to understand the various factors of crime.
- CO.5. Be able to know ethical and legal aspects of deception detection techniques.

**UNIT I: Basics of Forensic Psychology**

Definition and fundamental concepts of forensic psychology and forensic psychiatry. Psychology and law, Ethical issues in forensic psychology, Assessment of mental competency, Mental disorders and forensic psychology.

**UNIT II: Psychology of Evidence**

Psychology of evidence—eyewitness testimony, confession evidence, Criminal profiling, Psychology in the courtroom, with special reference to Section 84 IPC.

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#### SEMESTER II

#### **UNIT III: Psychology and Criminal Behavior**

Psychopathology and personality disorder, psychological assessment and its importance, Serial murderers, Psychology of terrorism, biological factors and crime– social learning theories, psycho-social factors, abuse, Juvenile delinquency–theories of offending (social cognition, moral reasoning), Child abuse (physical, sexual ,emotional), juvenile sex offenders, legal controversies.

#### **UNIT IV: Detection of Deception**

Tools for detection of deception–interviews, non-verbal detection, statement analysis, voice stress analyzer, hypnosis, Polygraphy–operational and question formulation techniques, ethical and legal aspects, the guilty knowledge test.

#### **UNITV: Narco Analysis and Brain Finger Printing**

Narco analysis and brain electrical oscillation signatures–principle and theory, ethical and legal issues, Brain Fingerprinting-Principle and technique, Legal standard of Brain fingerprinting, Case study.

#### **Practical's:**

1. To cite a crime case where legal procedures pertaining to psychological behavior.
2. To prepare a report on relationship between mental disorders and forensic psychology.
3. To study a criminal case in which hypnosis was used as a means to detect deception.
4. To prepare a case report on thematic appreciation test.
5. To prepare a case report on Minnesota multiphasic personality inventory test.
6. To prepare a case report on thematic appreciation test.
7. To prepare a case report on word association test.
8. To prepare a case report on Bhatia's battery of performance test of intelligence.

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. A.A.Moenssens, J.Starrs, C.E.Henderson and F.E.Inbau, *Scientific Evidence in Civilan dCriminal Cases*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, The Foundation Press, Inc., New York (1995).
2. R. Saferstein, *Criminalistics*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, Prentice Hall, New Jersey (2004).
3. J.C. DeLadurantey and D.R. Sullivan, *Criminal Investigation Standards*, Harper & Row, New York (1980)
4. J. Niehaus, *Investigative Forensic Hypnosis*, CRC Press, Boca Raton (1999).
5. E.Elaadin *Encyclopedia of Forensic Science, Volume 2*, J.A.Siegel, P.J.Saukko and
6. G.C. Knupfer (Eds.), Academic Press, London (2000).
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#### BFPSY202 FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY IN POLICE INVESTIGATION

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BFPSY202	Minor I	Forensic Psychology in Police Investigation	60	20	20	0	0	3	0	0	3

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- CEO.5. The scientific methods of required for Police investigation.

**Course Outcomes:** The Outcome of studying the paper is-

- CO.1. Be able to understand the concepts of forensic psychology.
- CO.2. Be able to distinguish the various psychological states of mind of a psychology patient.
- CO.3. Be familiar to the process of police investigation
- CO.4. Be able to understand the various factors of crime.
- CO.5. Be able to know ethical and legal aspects of deception detection techniques

#### UNIT I: Basics Of Police Psychology

Fundamental concepts of Police psychology, role of policing in investigation, Behavior analysis Interview, Crisis and hostage Negotiation, Critical analysis of Criminal act, False Confession, Interrogation of suspect, police eyewitness, Fitness- For – Duty -Evaluation.

#### UNIT II: Detection Of Deception

Detection of Deception in adult, Detection of Deception in Children, Detection of Deception in High-Stake Liars, Police decision Making, Police decisions in domestic violence cases, police Interaction with mentally ill individuals, police occupational Psychology, career opportunities in police psychologist.

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**UNIT III: Methods of police Investigation**

Role of police in psychological investigation, police selection, police stress, Police Training and Evaluation, use of police force, psychological profiling, Polygraph Techniques, Reid technique for interrogations, statement validity assessment, Forensic assessment Videotaping Interrogations.

**UNIT IV: Tools & Techniques for Examination**

Detection of Deception techniques, Cognitive Load, Non-Verbal clues, fMRI (functional magnetic Resonance Imaging), ERP (Event related Potential), Reality monitoring, Evidence elated issues.

**UNIT V: Legal Perspective**

Legal perspective of Police investigation, Role and limitation, presentation of psychological evidences in Court, Admissibility of Psychological evidences in court of law, Case studies.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Allen, S. W. (1991). Assessment of personality characteristics related successful hostage negotiators and their resistance to post-traumatic stress disorder. In J. T. Reese, J. M. Horn, & C. Dunning (Eds.), Critical incidents in policing (Rev. ed. pp. 1-16). Washington, DC: U.S. Dept. of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation.
2. Butler, W. M., Leitenberg, H., & Fuselier, G. D. (1993). The use of mental health professional consultants to police hostage negotiation teams. Behavioural Sciences and the Law, 11, 213-221.
3. Fuselier, G. D. (1988). Hostage negotiation consultant: Emerging role for the clinical psychologist. Professional Psychology: Research and Practice, 19, 175-179.
4. Hatcher, C., Mahondie, K., Turner, J., & Gelles, M. G. (1998). The role of the psychologist in crisis/hostage negotiations. Behavioral Sciences and the Law, 16, 455-172.
5. Lancelo, F. J. (1999). On-scene guide for crisis negotiators. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.
6. McMains, M. J., & Mullins, W. C. (2000). Crisis negotiations: Managing critical incidents and hostage situations in law enforcement and corrections. Cincinnati, OH: Anderson.

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7. Horvath, F., Jayne, B., & Buckley, J. (1994). Differentiation of truthful and deceptive criminal suspects in behavior analysis interviews. *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 39, 793-807.
8. Inbau, F. E., Reid, J. E., Buckley, J. P., & Jayne, B. C. (2001). *Criminal interrogation and confessions* (4th ed.). Gaithersburg, MD: Aspen.
9. Vrij, A., Mann, S., & Fisher, R. (2006). An empirical test of the behavior analysis interview. *Law and Human Behavior*, 30, 329-345.

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#### BFPSY203 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY

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BFPSY203	Minor II	Introduction to Criminal Psychology	60	20	20	0	0	3	0	0	3	

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- CEO.1. Basics of criminal Psychology.
- CEO.2. Psychological crime and their interventions.
- CEO.3. Definition of Criminal Behavior.
- CEO.4. Psychological test for criminal Behaviour.
- CEO.5. Sociological theories related to crime.

**Course Outcomes: The Outcome of studying the paper is-**

- CO.1. To understand about criminal Psychology.
- CO.2. To understand the psychological crime and their interventions.
- CO.3. To understand the method of criminal Profiling.
- CO.4. To understand the psychological test of Criminal Behaviour.
- CO.5. To understand the sociological theories.

#### UNIT: I: Psychology and Crime

Psychology and crime, Meaning, purpose and scope of criminal psychology, psychological vs Psycho - analytical approach to crime, Behaviorist approach to crime, Definition of criminal Behavior - Psychodynamics of criminal Behavior, Mental illness and crime, Human aggression and violence to crime.

#### UNIT II: Criminal Behaviour

Psychometric Test - Its use in Criminal Behavior, Measurement of criminal Behavior - Psychological test to measure criminal Behavior, Criminal profiling: Definition and process of profiling criminal personality, Factors underling criminal profiling, Merit and demerit of criminal profiling

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**UNIT: III: Sociological Theories**

Sociological Theories - Crime and Social Structure, Social structure theory, social disorganization theory, Merton, Anomie and Strain Module, Subcultural Theories: 1. Cohen's theory of the delinquent subculture 2. Miller's lower class gang delinquency

**UNIT: IV: Crime and Social Process**

Crime and Social Process, Socialization and Crime - Differential association theory, Differential reinforcement theory, Neutralization and rift theory, Hirsch's Social Control or Social Bond Theory Becker's Labelling theory, Self-Control and Self Esteem as related to crime.

**UNIT: V: Juvenile Criminal Psychology**

Development of Delinquent criminal Behaviour, Juvenile Offender, Definition of juvenile offender, Social Brain and Peer influence, Development factors in the formation of persistent criminal behavior, Cognitive ability of Crime.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Carducci, B. J. (2009). The psychology of personality: Viewpoints, research & application. Hong Kong: Wiley-Blackwell.
2. Ciccarelli, S. K., & Meyer, G. E. (2010). Psychology: South Asian edition. New Delhi, India: Pearson Education.
3. Cornelissen, R. M. M., Misra, G., & Varma, S. (Eds.) (2011). Foundations of Indian psychology—Theories and concepts (Vol. 1). New Delhi, India: Pearson.
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7. Misra, G., & Mohanty, A. K. (Eds.) (2002). Perspectives on indigenous psychology. New Delhi, India: Concept Publishing Company.
8. Paranjpe, A. C. (1984). Theoretical psychology: The meeting of east and west. New York: Plenum Press.
9. Patnaik, D. (2015). My Gita. New Delhi: Rupa.
10. Rao, K. R., Paranjpe, A. C., & Dalal, A. K. (Eds.) (2008). Handbook of Indian psychology. New Delhi, India: Foundation Books.

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