

**WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

**SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**Virtual Campus**

Wayland Mission Statement:Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

Course Title, Number, and Section: JUAD/PSYC 3314 VC-01 - Psychology and the Law

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Class Meeting Time and Location: Virtual Campus

Catalog Description: A study of the influence psychology has on the legal decision-making process and public policy; evaluation of traditional legal dilemmas, e.g., individual rights versus the common good.

**There is no prerequisite for this course.**

Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Material(s) : Wrightsman's Psychology and Legal System, Greene, Cengage Publishing, 9th Edition, 2019- ISBN# 9781337570879

Course Outcome Competencies:Upon completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the key components of Psychology and the Law:

* the legal system, its values and ethical considerations;
* the legality, morality and justice within our criminal justice system;
* the basic theories of crime;
* the criminal investigation, identification, and evaluation of criminal suspects;
* the rights of victims and of the accused;
* competence and insanity;
* victims;
* the rights of special groups.

 Attendance Requirements: **<<**Select appropriate campus>>

External Campuses

Students enrolled at one of the university’s external campuses should make every effort to attend all class meetings. All absences must be explained to the instructor, who will then determine whether the omitted work may be made up. When a student reaches that number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will so advise the student and file an unsatisfactory progress report with the external campus executive director/dean. Any student who misses 25 percent or more of the regularly scheduled class meetings may receive a grade of F in the course. Additional attendance policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy. A student may petition the Academic Council for exceptions to the above stated policies by filing a written request for an appeal to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Plainview Campus

The university expects students to make class attendance a priority. Faculty members provide students a copy of attendance requirements. These are provided on the first day of class. Students in programs for which an outside agency (such as the Veteran’s Administration) has stricter attendance requirements will be subject to those requirements. In addition, the university registrar will provide each student affected a list of these regulations. The dean of the school must approve part-time and adjunct faculty class attendance requirements prior to syllabi distribution.

WBUonline (Virtual Campus)

Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 3 or more weeks of an 11 week term, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given term is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty:Wayland Baptist University observes a zero tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty. Per university policy as described in the academic catalog, all cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and second offenses will result in suspension from the university.

Disability Statement:In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university.  The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291- 3765.  Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

Course Requirements and Grading Criteria:

50% Discussion Board

25% Midterm Exam

25% Final Exam

The University has a standard grade scale:

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F= below 60, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student’s control. A grade of “incomplete” is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long (10 to 15 weeks) term, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion.  If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

Student Grade Appeals:

Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

Tentative Schedule:

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| **Module****/Week** | **Topic** | **Chap** | **Due Date** |
| One | Choices & Roles, The Legal System: Issues, Structure and Players | 1,2 | June 2 |
| Two | Psychology of Crime, Psychology of Police | 3,4 | June 9 |
| Three | Eyewitnesses to Crimes and Accidents, Psychology of Victims of Crime and Violence  | 5,6 | June 16 |
| Four | Evaluating Criminal Suspects | 7 | June 23 |
| Five | Traditional Prosecutions: Arrest, Bail, Plea Bargain, Settlement, and Trial | 8 | June 30 |
| Six | Midterm examination | 1-8 | July 7 |
| Seven | Alternatives to Traditional Prosecution, Forensic Assessment in Juvenile and Criminal Cases | 9,10 | July 14 |
| Eight | Forensic Assessment in Civil Cases, Preparing for Trials | 11,12 | July 21 |
| Nine | Jurors and Juries, Punishment and Sentencing | 13,14 | July 28 |
| Ten | Juvenile and Adult Corrections | 15 | Aug 4 |
| Eleven | Final Exam | 9-15 | Aug 8 |

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