

PSYC S-1870. Law and Psychology (CRN: 30208)

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This course compares legal and psychological approaches to human behavior and considers their interaction. Topics include criminal, ethnic, and racial profiling; confessions; the insanity defense; involuntary commitment to mental hospitals and substance abuse programs; eyewitness identification and testimony; juries; expert witnesses; and victimless crimes. The course discusses the roles of lawyers and of psychologists and psychiatrists, in theory and in practice. The course focuses on case studies and on research.