

## **BA.LL.B (HONS.) – I-SEMESTER**

### **PSYCHOLOGY**

#### **COURSE CODE:**

**Course objectives:** The field of psychology as a discipline has much to offer the study of the law. Psychology and law interact with each other. This interplay covers human behaviour, strive to reveal the truth, and attempt to solve human problems and improve the human condition. The course will provide an opportunity for students to learn the different areas of psychology affected by law and how psychological analysis is crucial for the law students

#### **Course Outcomes:**

1. To understand the interface between law and psychology
2. To analyse psychological basis for criminal behaviour, eye witnesses
3. To analyse different techniques like lie detection, criminal profiling
4. To analyse psychology from the perspective of different perspectives in the legal profession as well as policy and legislative decisions
5. To develop critical thinking with respect to dilemmas inherent in psychological analysis of law

**UNIT-I:** Introduction and history of psychology and law; inter play between law and psychology; Difficulties and challenges; Roles played by psychologists interested in law – psychologists as advisors, psychologists as evaluators, psychologists as reformers; Psychology and law in India

**UNIT-II:** Lie Detection – The complexity and pervasiveness of deception; The Polygraph The process of polygraph, weaknesses of polygraph techniques; An alternative polygraph-based testing – The Guilty Knowledge Test.

**UNIT-III:** Criminal Profiling and psychological autopsies-The process of profiling, Characteristics of serial killers; Geographic profiling; psychological autopsies, Psychology of Criminal Behaviour, Psychological Disorders and Criminal Behaviour, Violent Criminal Behaviour and Drug-Related Crime, Police Psychology, Selection & Training of Law Enforcement Personnel, Rehabilitation of Juvenile Delinquents and Victims, Introduction and Overview of Forensic Psychology

**UNIT-IV:** Eyewitness testimony- The Manson criteria; Stress and weapons focus, Unconscious transference; leading or suggestive comments; pre-existing expectations; witness confidence; when the eyewitness is a child, Children's remembering ability-Deception in children- Factors that impact on children's testimony - Enhancing children's testimony Interviewing children in sexual abuse cases Body maps and interviewing children; hypnosis; the cognitive interview.

**UNIT-V:** Insanity defence- Post-partum mental illness and maternal filicide; battered women syndrome, rape trauma syndrome and posttraumatic stress disorder, The Victim throughout History, Typology of victims, Victimization Surveys, Key concepts in Victimology, Victim Precipitation, Blaming, vulnerability and risk, Victim-offender relationship, Impact of victimization, Repeat victimization, Fear of Crime

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