



**Indraprastha College for Women
University of Delhi**

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	BA (Hons.)
Paper Title:	Forensic Psychology
Unique Paper Code:	2113100018
Semester:	VII
Faculty:	Dr. Meenakshi Verma
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	To examine the history, scope, and ethical considerations of forensic psychology.	1	Overview of Forensic Psychology: Nature and definition, Brief history
	To identify key theories and concepts related to the psychology of criminal behaviour.	2	Overview of Forensic Psychology: Nature and definition, Brief history
	To evaluate the application of forensic psychology in various legal contexts.	3	Overview of Forensic Psychology: Nature and definition, Brief history
	To critically evaluate contemporary issues in the field of forensic psychology.	4	Overview of Forensic Psychology: Nature and definition, Brief history
		5	Roles and Responsibilities of a Forensic Psychologist
		6	Roles and Responsibilities of a Forensic Psychologist

		7	Forensic Assessment and Evaluation
		8	Forensic Assessment and Evaluation
		9	Professional Ethics and Standards
		10	Professional Ethics and Standards
		11	Assignment I
II		12	Psychological Theories of Criminal Behaviour
		13	Psychological Theories of Criminal Behaviour
		14	Psychological Theories of Criminal Behaviour
		15	Motivation and Criminal Behaviour
		16	Motivation and Criminal Behaviour
		17	Violent Offending and Aggression
		18	Violent Offending and Aggression
		19	Violent Offending and Aggression
		20	Sex Offending and Sexual Violence
		21	Sex Offending and Sexual Violence
		22	Sex Offending and Sexual Violence
		23	Assignment 1
III		21	Applications of Forensic Psychology
		22	Eyewitness Identification and Testimony
		23	Eyewitness Identification and Testimony
		24	False Confessions and Interrogation Techniques
		25	False Confessions and Interrogation Techniques
		26	Trial Consulting and Jury Selection
		27	Trial Consulting and Jury Selection
		28	Trial Consulting and Jury Selection

		29	Techniques in Forensic Psychology:
		30	Techniques in Forensic Psychology:
		31	Techniques in Forensic Psychology:
		32	Techniques in Forensic Psychology:
		33	Assignment 1
IV		34	Trends and Future Directions in Forensic Psychology
		35	Competency to Stand Trial and Insanity Defense
		36	Competency to Stand Trial and Insanity Defense
		37	Assignment 2
		38	Forensic Psychology and the Policy Landscape in India
		39	Future Directions in Forensic Psychology Research and Practice
		40	Future Directions in Forensic Psychology Research and Practice
		41	Future Directions in Forensic Psychology Research and Practice

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	UNIT I Foundations of Forensic Psychology Overview of Forensic Psychology; Roles and Responsibilities of Forensic Psychologists; Forensic Assessment and Evaluation; Professional Ethics and Standards.
II	UNIT II Psychology of Criminal Behaviour Psychological Theories of Criminal Behaviour; Motivation and Criminal Behaviour; Violent Offending and Aggression; Sex Offending and Sexual Violence.
III	UNIT III Applications of Forensic Psychology Eyewitness Identification and Testimony; False Confessions and Interrogation Techniques; Trial Consulting and Jury Selection; Techniques in Forensic Psychology (Narco test, Polygraph test and Psychological Autopsy).
IV	UNIT IV Trends and Future Directions in Forensic Psychology Competency to Stand Trial and Insanity Defense; Forensic Psychology and the Policy Landscape in India; Future Directions in Forensic Psychology Research and Practice.

S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	American Psychological Association. (2017). <i>Ethical principles of psychologists and code of conduct</i> . https://www.apa.org/ethics/code/
2.	Bartol, C. R., & Bartol, A. M. (2017). <i>Introduction to forensic psychology: Research and application</i> (5th ed.). SAGE Publications.
3.	Dvoskin, J. A., & Skeem, J. L. (Eds.). (2016). <i>Applying social science to reduce violent offending</i> . Oxford University Press.
4.	Howitt, D. (2002). <i>Forensic and Criminal Psychology</i> . New Delhi: Prentice Hall.
5.	Grisso, T. (2013). <i>Evaluating competencies: Forensic assessments and instruments</i> (2nd ed.). Springer Science & Business Media.
6.	Gudjonsson, G. H. (2018). <i>The psychology of interrogations and confessions: A handbook</i> . Wiley.
7.	Hess, A. K., & Weiner, I. B. (Eds.). (2015). <i>The handbook of forensic psychology</i> (4th ed.). John Wiley & Sons.

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	NA
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance		30
		12	
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) Activity 1		40
		15	
		20	

	• Activity 2 • Attendance	5	
3.	Practical • Continuous Assessment • End Term Written/Practical Exam • Viva		NA
4.	End Semester Examination		90