

## INTRODUCTION TO IMPLICIT SOCIAL COGNITION

<b>Credit points</b>	<b>3 CP</b>		
<b>Study course annotation</b>	In this training course, students get an idea of the place of legal psychology in the system of psychological knowledge, methods of legal psychology, gives the general psychological characteristics of legal activity and criminal psychology, the socio-psychological aspects of law enforcement, as well as the psychological aspects of crime prevention.		
<b>Aim of the study course</b>	To acquaint students with the basics of general and social psychology in relation to legal psychology		
<b>Objectives of the course</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form an understanding of the main goals and objectives of legal psychology,</li> <li>• show the specifics of the action of mental laws in the field of legal regulation.</li> <li>• To form ideas about the tasks and psychological foundations of the social rehabilitation of people in prison.</li> <li>• To familiarize students with the psychological and social factors that contribute to and hinder the objective investigation of crimes</li> <li>• Provide information on the basic principles for compiling psychological characteristics of police officers.</li> </ul>		
<b>Study course results</b>	<b>Knowledge</b>	<b>Skills</b>	<b>Competences</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge, training course, history and modern theoretical ideas about legal and penitentiary psychology.</li> <li>• On the main types and directions of activity of the internal affairs bodies.</li> <li>• On the psychological laws of group and individual work of police officers.</li> <li>• The basic principles of social and psychological rehabilitation of prisoners.</li> <li>• On psychological factors that facilitate and impede the performance of official duties in various types of activities of the bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to analyze specific conflict situations in the field of law enforcement.</li> <li>• Skills in applying legal and psychological knowledge in prisons.</li> <li>• The ability to differentiate legal psychological content (texture) in specific delinquent situations.</li> <li>• Ability to form an optimal psychological climate among police officers.</li> <li>• Ability to promote an optimal psychological climate among prison staff and prisoners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflict prevention. Elements of sociopsychological training.</li> <li>• Methods of finding a way out of conflict situations; climate principles mutual trust.</li> <li>• In conflict situations, psychologically adequate negotiation tactics and the development of optimal mutually beneficial solutions.</li> <li>• Ability and ability to train law enforcement officers in communication skills, psychological impact on prisoners and resolving their interpersonal problems.</li> </ul>
<b>Study course content</b>	<b>Topics</b>		
	1	The place of legal psychology in the system of psychological knowledge	
	2	General psychological characteristics of legal activity	
	3	Legal Psychology Methods	



	4	Penitentiary Psychology Criminal Psychology
	5	Social psychology of law enforcement. Psychology of convicts.
	6	Psychological aspects of crime prevention.
<b>Form of assessment:</b>	Exam	
<b>Obligatory literature:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Howitt, D. (2022). <i>Introduction to Forensic and Criminal Psychology. Seventh edition.</i> Pearson education.</li> <li>2. Tyler, T.R. (2022). <i>Advanced Introduction to Law and Psychology (Elgar Advanced Introductions series).</i> Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.</li> <li>3. Neal, T.M.S. (2017). Identifying the forensic psychologist role. In G. Pirelli, R. Beattey, &amp; P. Zapf (Eds.), <i>The ethical practice of forensic psychology: A casebook</i> (pp. 1-17). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.</li> <li>4. Neal, T. M., &amp; Grisso, T. (2014). Assessment practices and expert judgment methods in forensic psychology and psychiatry: An international snapshot. <i>Criminal Justice and Behavior</i>, 41, 1406-1421.</li> </ol>		
<b>Further reading list:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Simane-Vigante, L., Chuzhuyeva, Y., Plotka, I., &amp; Blumenau, N. (2017). Study of Criminal Attitude towards Violence and Personality Traits in Males. In V. Dislere (Ed.), <i>Proceedings of the 9th International Scientific Conference "Rural Environment, Education, Personality. 12- 13.05.2017 V.10 - REEP-2017"</i> (pp.166-175). Jelgava: Latvijas Lauksaimniecības Universitāte. ISSN 2255-808X Abstracted/Indexed: Thomson Reuters Web of Science, SCOPUS, EBSCO, CAB Abstracts, AGRIS. Is available at <a href="http://ilufb.llu.lv/conference/REEP/2017/Latvia-Univ- Agricult-REEP-2017_proceedings.pdf">http://ilufb.llu.lv/conference/REEP/2017/Latvia-Univ- Agricult-REEP-2017_proceedings.pdf</a></li> <li>2. Simane-Vigante, L., Plotka, I., &amp; Blumenau, N. (2016). Implicit and explicit measures of antisocial attitudes of criminal offenders. <i>Rural Environment. Education. Personality. (REEP). Proceedings of the 9th International Scientific Conference</i>, No.9 (309-314). ISSN 2255- 8071. The proceedings will be submitted for publishing in Thompson Reuters Web of science</li> <li>3. database.</li> </ol>		
<b>Other sources of information (electronic journals):</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://biblio.bsa.edu.lv">http://biblio.bsa.edu.lv</a></li> <li>2. Professional Psychology: Research and Practice</li> <li>3. Psychological Review.</li> </ol>		
<b>Changes and additions to the program and literature list are possible during the study process</b>		