



**CRIMINAL PROFILING  
CRIM 4015 FDE**

*Fall 2020*

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**D2L link:** <https://mycourselink.lakeheadu.ca/d2l/home/72561>

**Disclaimer:** The materials covered in this class include descriptions of violent crimes that are disturbing in nature. I will avoid presenting any details that are not essential to the profiling process; however, case studies will include examples of real crimes which you may find disturbing.

**Delivery of the course:** The course will be delivered online and asynchronously. I will upload recorded lectures and you will be able to reach them anytime. The recordings are confidential and are intended only for the use of the course students. They may otherwise not be used or disclosed.

**Course Description and Learning Outcomes**

This course will introduce students to the field of criminal profiling by examining the methods and approaches used in the identification of specific characteristics of individuals committing a particular crime. The course will cover the components and processes of psychological, geographical, and crime scene profiling. The course will examine personality traits, motives, offending behaviors and psychological crime scene analysis.

After completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- (1) demonstrate a general understanding of methods and techniques used in criminal profiling;
- (2) understand the main steps involved in generating a criminal profile;
- (3) evaluate the effectiveness of the use of criminal profiling in criminal investigations;
- (4) identify behavior patterns of criminals;
- (5) understand how to detect and look for psychological clues at a crime scene.

**COURSE MATERIALS**

**Required Textbook**

Wayne Petherick (2014). *Profiling and Serial Crime (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)*. Elsevier.

Other readings will be posted on D2L.

## GRADING AND EVALUATION

### Course Evaluation and Assessment Weighting

Evaluation	Due Date	Value
Midterm exam	October 22, 2020	25%
Case studies	Case Study #1: October 14 Case Study #2: November 3 Case Study #3: November 24 Case Study #4: December 6  See the assessment details part for more information	40%
Final exam	Date will be announced	35%

Late case study assignments will be deducted 5% per day and will not be accepted more than 5 days after the deadline. Assignments submitted more than 5 days after the deadline will result in a mark of 0.

### Assessment Details

#### *Midterm (25%) and Final Exams (35%)*

The midterm exam will be distributed online on October 22, and it will cover all information that has been presented in the course up until the midterm date, including required readings, lectures, and discussions. The final exam will be held during the final exam period and the exact date will be announced. More instructions about the Midterm and Final exams will be posted to the course site.

#### *Criminal Profiling Case Studies (40%)*

There will be 4 case studies, and each will worth 10% of the final grade. Case studies will present real-world-examples of different crimes, and you will answer a few questions related to the cases. This assignment will involve the analysis, interpretation, and application of various aspects of criminal profiling. You will be evaluated on task completion and the quality of the work. The due dates may change if the course schedule is changed, as case studies are linked to the subjects covered in the class.

## COURSE SCHEDULE, READINGS, AND KEY DATES

(The schedule is subject to change where deemed necessary by the Professor)

### Week 1 (September 8 – 13): Introduction to Criminal Profiling

**Reading:** Chapter 1

**Week 2 (September 14 – 20): Approaches to Criminal Profiling**

**Reading:** Chapter 2 & 3

**Week 3 (September 21 – 27): Criminal Theories and Profiling**

**Reading:** Holmes and Holmes, Chapter 4: Criminal Theories and Psychological Profiling

**Week 4 (September 28 – October 4): Criminal Profiling Methods and Accuracy**

**Reading:** Chapter 4 & 6

**Week 5 (October 5 – 11): Geographical Profiling**

**Reading:** Chapter 5

**OCTOBER 12 – 16: FALL STUDY BREAK**

**Week 6 (October 19 – 25): Midterm**

**Reading:** None

**Week 7 (October 26 – November 1): Crime Scenes and Case Linkage**

**Reading:** Chapter 7 & 8

**Week 8 (November 2 – 8): Profiling in Serial Harassment, Bullying and Stalking**

**Reading:** Chapter 13 & 14

**Week 9 (November 9 – 15): Profiling in Serial Rape**

**Reading:** Chapter 15

**Week 10 (November 16 – 22): Profiling in Serial Sexual Murder**

**Reading:** Chapter 16

**Week 11 (November 23 – 29): Profiling in Serial Arson**

**Reading:** Chapter 17

## Week 12 (November 30 – December 6): Motivations: Offender and Victim Perspectives

**Reading:** Chapter 18

Lakehead University Grading Scale	
A+	90-100%
A	80-89%
B	70-79%
C	60-69%
D	50-59%
E Fail	40-49%
F Fail	1-39%
F Academic Dishonesty	0%

### COURSE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

#### Course Drop Deadline

Please be aware that the deadline to drop this course is Friday, November 6, 2020.

#### Student Courtesy

I expect all students to be respectful in their interactions with any person involved with the course, both in the class and online. You are welcome to use laptops during the class.

#### Tests, Exams and Term Work

If you are going to miss a test, it is very important that you email me as soon as you know that you will be missing the test. Missed tests will be accommodated only in extraordinary circumstances that are supported by written documentation from a healthcare practitioner using the official Student Health Certificate, available at

<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/examination/medical-notes/node/10641>

Final examinations run from December 10-20, inclusive. Midterm examinations for full courses and final examination for all courses are scheduled by the Registrar's Office. Students are strongly urged NOT to make any commitments (i.e., vacation, job related, or other travel plans) during either the term as a whole or the final examination period. Students are required to be available for all examinations during the periods for which they are scheduled (as published in course syllabus). It is your responsibility to check the final exam schedule and arrive at the scheduled date/time/location to avoid a grade of zero. There will be no rescheduling of examinations to accommodate holiday travel or extracurricular activities. No one will be allowed to write examinations prior to the scheduled date.

Extensions of deadlines for completion of assignments or writing of midterms/final examinations may be granted to students on the basis of illness, accident, or other extreme and legitimate circumstances beyond their control. Consideration for deferrals will not normally be granted on the basis of vacation/travel plans or job-related obligations.

## **Academic Integrity**

Plagiarism, cheating and academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated. Being caught engaging in any such activities will result in disciplinary action either within the course or at the university level. A listing of University Regulations can be found at:

<http://navigator.lakeheadu.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&catalogid=21&chapterid=3506&loadusercredits=False>. The code of student behaviour and disciplinary procedures can be found at: <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/policies/student-related/code-of-student-behaviour-and-disciplinary-procedures>.

The following rules shall govern the treatment of students who have been found guilty of attempting to obtain academic credit dishonestly:

- (a) The minimum penalty for a student found guilty of plagiarism, or of cheating on any part of a course will be a zero for the work concerned.
- (b) A student found guilty of cheating on a formal examination or a test, or of serious or repeated plagiarism, or of unofficially obtaining a copy of an examination paper before the examination is scheduled to be written, will receive zero for the course and may be expelled from the University.

Students disciplined under the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures may appeal their case through the Judicial Panel.

## **Disability Accommodation**

If you have a disability that requires accommodations, I strongly encourage you to make use of those accommodations. I am here to assist you, but need your help in ensuring I accommodate you properly. More generally, Lakehead is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities. Student Accessibility Services (SAS) coordinate services and facilitates reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Academic accommodations are provided on the basis of documentation of a disability. Additional information is available at the following campus website: <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/sas>

## **LAKEHEAD RESOURCES**

If you find yourself having difficulty with the course material or any other difficulties in your student life, don't hesitate to ask for help! Come to me, or if it is about an issue beyond this class, please contact your academic advisors, or get help from any number of other support services on campus, including:

**The Student Success Centre** has many programs and support services in place to help you achieve your academic and personal goals while studying at Lakehead University. They provide academic support through tutoring services, career exploration, co-operative opportunities and leadership development. More information is available here <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/student-success-centre>.

**The Lakehead Library** provides access to resources, study rooms, and research support both online via chat and in person with more details available here <https://library.lakeheadu.ca/>.

**Public Computer Labs** are available on campus where you may write and/or print out your

work. For more details go to <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/helpdesk/computer-labs>.

**Student Life and Services** offers health and wellness resources both on and off campus, as well as opportunities for involvement in health and wellness activities. More information is available here <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/student-services/or>.

**Office of Human Rights and Equity.** You have the right to an education that is free from any form of discrimination. A wide variety of resources are available here <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/human-rights-and-equity/resources>.