Forensic Psychiatry

Module title: Forensic Psychiatry
Abbreviation: 06-PSY-MA-FOR-122-m01

Module coordinator
head of the Section on Forensic Psychiatry at the Centre of Mental Health

Module offered by
Institute of Psychology

ECTS: 10
Method of grading: numerical grade
Only after succ. compl. of module(s): --

Duration: 1 semester
Module level: graduate
Other prerequisites: --

Contents
The seminar on selected topics of Forensic Psychiatry and the interdisciplinary lecture provide an introduction to the field of Forensic Psychiatry. The students acquire basic theoretical knowledge in view of psychiatry, forensics, psychology and development dynamics and consolidate their knowledge on the basis of individual cases which yet have to be assessed or are of special clinical interest. The courses provide an overview of manifestations, development and treatment of mental disorders such as schizophrenia, addictive disorders, sexual disorders, personality disorders etc. while at the same time discussing relevant legal problems in the context of mental disorders. Therefore, the courses deal with aspects of guardianship and social law, different forms of delinquency (e.g.: property offences, homicide and sex offences) as well as questions of making prognoses, credibility, protection of victims and youth and adult crime prevention.

Intended learning outcomes
In the minor Forensic Psychiatry, the students can acquire the following subject/professional competencies: basic knowledge of psychiatric psychopathology and diagnostics, basic knowledge of forensics, knowledge of the history of psychiatry, knowledge of important specialised terminology as well as insights into treatment methods in the context of Forensic Psychiatry. The methodological competencies are focused on the structure of psychiatric exploration, the drawing up of a psychiatric report, principles of testpsychological diagnostics and the structure of a psychiatric expert report. The social competencies are focused on approaches to dealing with the mentally ill, interdisciplinary cooperation as well as opinion forming and representation in the group. Self-reflection, phenomena of countertransference and appreciative behaviour even towards complicated conversation partners can be observed and practised in the context of self-competencies.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
This module comprises 2 module components. Information on courses will be listed separately for each module component.
- 06-PSY-MA-FOR-1-122: S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)
- 06-PSY-MA-FOR-2-122: V (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)
Assessment in this module comprises the assessments in the individual module components as specified below. Unless stated otherwise, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.

Assessment in module component 06-PSY-MA-FOR-1-122: Forensic Psychiatry 1
- 5 ECTS, Method of grading: (not) successfully completed
- presentation (approx. 25 minutes) with written elaboration (10 to 20 pages)

Assessment in module component 06-PSY-MA-FOR-2-122: Forensic Psychiatry 2
- 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade
- oral examination (approx. 45 minutes)
- Only after successful completion of module components: Successful completion of module component 06-PSY-MA-FOR-1 is a prerequisite for participation in module component 06-PSY-MA-FOR-2.

Allocation of places
Information on the allocation of places will be listed separately for each module component.
- 06-PSY-MA-FOR-2-122: --
- 06-PSY-MA-FOR-1-122: Number of places: 4-12. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated as follows: Applicants who have not yet achieved any of the required ECTS credits in the respective sub-area of mandatory electives will be given preferential consideration. The remaining places, if and when any become available, will be allocated to applicants who already have achieved ECTS credits. Within these groups, places will be allocated according to the number of subject semesters. Among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. Should there be, within one module, several module components with a restricted number of places, the result of the selection process for one module component will also apply to all other module components.

### Additional information

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### Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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### Module appears in

- Master’s degree (1 major) Psychology (2012)