

eDistance Learning Course Brochure



ASCENTIS

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY DIPLOMA – LEVEL 3 AWARD



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Course Information

Course Overview

Forensic Psychology (Level 3 Diploma)

Forensic psychologists are concerned with the application of psychology to the criminal justice system, and with understanding the psychological processes related to criminal behaviour. They are sometimes known as 'criminal psychologists' or 'investigative psychologists'. Forensic psychology is often perceived as concerning criminal investigation and profiling. While this is one aspect it is not the only one, forensic psychology also relates to the assessment and treatment of criminal behaviour. Forensic psychologists work not only with prisoners and offenders but also other professionals involved in the judicial and penal systems.

In this Forensic Psychology Diploma we will adopt a research perspective to forensic psychology, beginning with a brief introduction to research methodologies followed by a very basic introduction to statistics for research. The course then examines the psychology of violent crime and gives the student the opportunity to conduct their own research into the links between a particular mental disorder of their choice, and violent crime.

Support

You will be provided with comprehensive materials designed to provide you with everything required to complete your course of study. You will have your own personal tutor helping you with your course work and with any questions you may have. Plus you can contact our Student Advisors by email or phone for all the practical advice you may need – so we really are with you 100%. What's more, you'll have access to the online Student Community, where you can interact with other students, browse our resource library and manage your account.

Assessment

Completion of the research based learning activities accompanying each module contributes 70% of the assessment for the award of the Forensic Psychology Diploma. The last module of the course requires the student to produce a research proposal based on activities carried out during the course. The student will be required to plan, conduct and report on a research project of their choice. The report will be approximately 5,000 words, that is 15 x A4 typed pages of 1.5 spacing. This research will account for the final 30% assessment for the diploma.

Upon verification of the activities, exercises and assignments, a nationally recognised certificate will be awarded by Ascentis as confirmation that your written work has met all of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the programme.

Course Duration

We recommended you spend approximately 360 hours of your time studying for the course name. The pace of study is completely up to you. To give an example, if you dedicate 7 hours a week to the course it would take you a year to complete but if you could spare 14 hours a week you could complete it in six months.

Get started today, and you can earn your Level 3 Ascentis Award in Forensic Psychology in as little as six months, or take up to a year, if you prefer – the choice is yours.

Home Study Entry Requirements

The good news is that no prior learning knowledge or experience is essential to take this course. This course is openly available to anyone wishing to learn more about Criminal Psychology and would like to take part in a highly rewarding home study course. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and study further, so we try to keep our entry requirements to a minimum.

You have the freedom to start the course at any time and continue your studies at your own pace for a period of up to 12 months from initial registration with full tutor support.

Course Fees

Our aim is to provide you with the best deal available, therefore registration fee, certification fee and full tutor support is included in the course price for you. The enrolment fee for the Criminal Psychology home study course is £437.50 (inc VAT), though for a limited time we are offering you the opportunity to pay only £350 (inc VAT) which is a 20% discount if you enrol online and pay in full.

You can also opt for our Easy Payment Plan and enrol online today by paying a deposit of £72.91 and then 5 equal payments of £72.91 per month. The first instalment is paid about a month after you receive your course.

How is the course structured?

The Ascentis Level 3 Forensic Psychology course is divided into fifteen comprehensive modules:

Following on from this the course makes a brief examination of serial murder and the different causal factors that have been put forward as contributing to the development of the serial killer. The student is then invited to use their learning to date, together with their own research, to explore three serial killers and to produce a report of approximately five hundred words which examines the personas of the chosen serial killers in relationship to the popular urban myths identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and explain which they believe hinders the investigation of serial murder.



The course then proceeds to examine the links between substance abuse serious crime, violent crime, acquisitive crime and mental disorder and governmental responses to substance abuse. The student is given a further opportunity to conduct their own research to show how a local intervention programme in their area is evidencing the success or otherwise of The Government Drug Strategy.

The student will then examine different aspects of the distressing crime of child abuse and then asked to conduct research into child abuse within the Roman Catholic Church. Much has been written about this issue and the student is asked to use the knowledge they have gained from the course, and from conducting their own research, into the responses of the media, government departments and the Roman Catholic church, to write a report of approximately 500 words on how effective or ineffective these responses have been. They are also required to suggest ways that academic research might help to produce an understanding of how such crimes could have occurred over such a lengthy period of time.

The student is then led to the courtroom and an examination of criminal responsibility and psychiatric defences. Students are then requested to conduct their own research into the Yorkshire Ripper murders and the trial of Peter Sutcliffe. They will produce an assignment of approximately five hundred words, discuss the jury's finding in respect of Sutcliffe, and discuss whether evidence was produced to show that Sutcliffe was insane.

Following from these modules students will look at some mental disorders that have been put forward as defences in criminal trials. These include; Dissociative Identity Disorder (Multiple Personality Disorder), Dissociative Amnesia and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. They will also be given the opportunity to conduct research into Dissociative Identity Disorder.

The course continues with a brief examination of eye witness testimony and the evidence of children, after which students will again develop their knowledge by conducting their own research.

- Module 1 Introducing Research Methods
- Module 2 Introducing Basic Statistics
- Module 3 Psychology and Violent Crime
- Module 4 Serial Killers
- Module 5 Crime and Substance Abuse
- Module 6 Child Abuse
- Module 7 The Evidence of Children
- Module 8 Criminal Responsibility and Psychiatric Defences
- Module 9 Mental Disorder as a Defence
- Module 10 Eyewitness Testimony
- Module 11 Psychology in a Correctional Setting
- Module 12 Psychology and Police Selection, Recruitment and Training
- Module 13 Police Stress
- Module 14 The Decision to Assist
- Module 15 The Research Proposal and the Research Project Report

Qualification

Level 3 Diploma in Forensic Psychology

This course leads to a Level 3 Award for successful learners. This means that it is independently accredited at a level of learning equivalent to level 3 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) for England, Wales and Northern Ireland (in which case GCSE's are at levels 1 and 2 and A Levels are at level 3). In accrediting the programme at level 3, Ascentis attests that its learning outcomes are at an equivalent level to a level 3 national qualification.

This course has been designed to meet specific learner requirements. Accreditation by Ascentis is a guarantee of quality. It means that this learning programme has been scrutinised and approved by an independent panel of experienced educational professionals and is quality audited by Ascentis.

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This course can be enrolled upon by students internationally. There are no deadlines for enrolments.

Possible Career Path

Forensic Psychologist

Further Information

If your course is being delivered online, please ensure you meet the minimum requirements below.

For Windows:

Windows 98, 2000, XP, Vista, Windows 7 - Acrobat Reader 4.0 and above

For Macintosh:

Mac OS X, Mac OS 9.2 - Acrobat Reader 4.0 and above

From time to time we may enrol our students with our partner sites; this is dependent on the number of students enrolling on a particular course and course material availability. If this happens, nothing changes for you other than the name of the college administering your course. We will continue to be your point of contact; you will get the exact same course you have enrolled on with the same high level of quality content and support.

Postage & Packing

Get FREE UK delivery when purchasing distance learning courses online. We will deliver your course materials direct to your door upon enrolment so you can get started straight away and plan your studies around your other commitments.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How does distance learning work?

A. To ensure studying is flexible and convenient, most of our courses are divided into sections. You work through each section at your own pace and time. Once completed, send the test paper back to your personal tutor for marking. You will then move onto the next section once successfully completing the previous section. The support period is dependent on the type of course you choose; our minimum support period is one year.

Q. When can I start the course?

A. The answer is simple, when YOU want; you can start the course at any time we do not have any set enrolment dates. Most of our courses don't require any previous experience or qualifications. All you need is a desire and motivation to succeed. You can even start right now - call and speak to one of our Professional Course Advisors.

Q. How long do the courses take?

A. This is dependent upon your choice of course and how fast you want to learn. A full breakdown of the course is available in your course literature. We do provide estimated number of study hours; ask our course advisors for details.

Q. I want to buy a course that is not on the course list. What do I do?

A. Our website has an excellent list of the most popular courses on the market. However, we do have access to a more in-depth portfolio should you not find the course you are looking for. You can call our course advisors and discuss the course you are interested in.

Q. Do the courses have tutorial support?

A. Yes, You will be allocated an experienced tutor who will guide you through the course, mark your assignments and generally help you with any problems you may have. Your tutors can be contacted via email and post.

Q. If I fail an assignment can I retake it?

A. Yes, your tutor will ask you to resubmit your assignment and give you support as to where you could improve.

Q. How do I get help with my course work?

A. You can get help 7 days a week by email, or post from your dedicated tutor, you just email your assignments for marking. You have to send your assignments one at a time so the tutor can mark one and give you the feedback.

Q. Will I get a qualification at the end?

A. Yes, for all our courses, you will receive a diploma or a recognised qualification from the awarding body of your course.

Q. Is the course work done online or sent via the internet?

A. No, the work is done offline using your PC or for paper based courses working through your course folder. All the assignments are in the course manual so there are no online costs incurred.

Q. Is there a time limit or any deadlines?

A. We do like you to complete the course within the tutor support period but we can extend this for a small charge (currently £35 for 12 months). If you follow the recommended study hours, this will give you a good guide.

Q. Will I have to sit an examination?

A. Most of our paper based courses do not require you to sit examinations, only continual assessments. Where there are examinations required, you will receive all the information you need to make your own exam arrangements. Please note exam fees are not included in your course fee, unless otherwise stated.

Q. How quickly will I receive my course material?

A. Once your payment has been received and cleared your enrolment should be processed within two days and your course materials delivered within 5 days, for customers who choose to pay in instalments this can take longer as we need a signed agreement back from you before we send the course materials.

Q. Do I have to buy any other materials?

A. Our comprehensive course materials are designed to be self-contained with all the relevant information you require to complete the course and gain the relevant certification. However some of our students undertake additional reading via relevant textbooks/study guides and/or the Internet to add value to their studies.

Q. I'm not sure of what course I should take? Can you help?

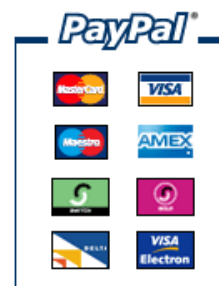
A. Yes we can, it is important that you pursue a course which you will enjoy. Although we cannot make this decision for you, we employ a team of dedicated Professional Course Advisors, who will guide you towards making the right choice. Whether you want specific information, or just a chat about what's available, call us now on 0844 357 1110.

Q. Why choose eDistance Learning?

A. The breadth and depth of our portfolio of courses means that we will have a course to interest you. We are committed to your success, and offer advice and support through every step of the process. We have a dedicated team of Professional Course Advisors that can give you access to career and recruitment advice, whilst offering excellent value and quality courses.

Post your completed application and payment instructions to:

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 Suite 108
 Glasgow
 G1 5PR
 United Kingdom



Enrolment Form

STUDENT INFORMATION

Title	First Name	Last Name
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Date of Birth	Phone No	Mobile No
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Billing Address (If paying by card, please provide the address the card is registered to)

Post Code	City	County / Country
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Primary Email Address

Delivery Address (if different from above)

Post Code	City	County / Country
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COMPANY INFORMATION

(IF APPLICABLE)

Company Name

Company Address

Post Code	City	County / Country
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Phone	E-mail	Fax
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Company Contact Name	Position	Direct Line
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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Name	Course Code
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If paying by instalments – please complete below Support Period 12 Months

Deposit £	No of Monthly Payments x £ <input type="text"/>	UK Post & Packing Free
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International Delivery £40 <input type="checkbox"/>	Next Day UK Delivery £30 <input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance £10 (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/>
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PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Payment in full – This can be made online at www.edistancelearning.co.uk and you can get up to a 20% discount.

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 BACS
 PAYPAL

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