Université catholique de Louvain

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Psychology of expert opinions and testimony

5.0 credits

30.0 h

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Teacher(s) :	Dumas Rafaele ; Luminet Olivier ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	The course is designed to teach students how psychology (clinical, cognitive, neuropsychology, personality, social) can make a contribution to (a) producing a reliable and valid psychological or neuropsychological expert opinion and (b) assessing the truthfulness of witnesses, mainly in the legal field (witnesses of violence and accidents)
Aims :	By the end of this course, students should be able to develop a critical attitude in relation to: (a) the way of obtaining an expert opinion, particularly in terms of interviews and tests, (b) the quality and relevance of psychological assessment, and (c) eye witnesses, both as a clinician and as an expert called to give evidence by an official body (e.g. tribunals). The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Content :	autobiographical memory and its reconstructive aspects eye witnesses relationships between emotion, cognition and memory false memories remediation techniques (cognitive interviews) procedures for detecting simulation (false confessions, lie detection, children's evidence) expert neuropsychological and psychopathological opinions (examinations and assessments, simulation and claim, difference between results of tests and disability in daily life, socio-demographic variables)
Other infos :	Prerequisites: functioning of the memory (Introduction to psychology and additional psychology course) Lecturers and guest lecturer Assessment : Written examination Support : reading folder (including certain texts in English) and printed versions of the slides.
Cycle and year of study :	 Bachelor in Psychology and Education : Speech and Language Therapy. Bachelor in Information and Communication Bachelor in Pharmacy. Bachelor in Engineering : Architecture Bachelor in Economics and Management Bachelor in Motor skills : General Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology. Bachelor in Political Sciences: General Bachelor in Biomedicine Bachelor in Religious Studies Bachelor in Psychology and Education: General
Faculty or entity in charge:	PSP