

FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY	
GENERAL INFORMATION	
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Study Programme	Integrated undergraduate and graduate university study of Medicine
Status of the course	Elective
Year of study, semester	5 th year, 10 th semester
ECTS	2
Workload (hours)	Lectures (10), Seminars (15)
Expected number of students	30
COURSE DESCRIPTION	
Course objectives	
<p>Acquisition of knowledge about judicial psychiatric aspects of mental disorders. Given the very pronounced interdisciplinarity of forensic psychiatry, which in its work encounters other scientific disciplines such as sociology, psychology, criminology, penology, and law, students would have the opportunity to get acquainted with all these areas in the part where they touch on the problem of understanding the forensic patient, expertise, and treatment of forensic patients. Furthermore, students would be familiar with the basic legal solutions essential for the cooperation of doctors and lawyers in psychiatric expertise and the treatment of forensic patients, but also students would be familiar with various problems encountered in everyday work by a family physician such as involuntary hospitalization, initiating a procedure for deprivation of legal capacity of a psychiatric patient, implementing various safety and protective measures to treat patients who have committed a misdemeanor or criminal offense as well as with the specifics of the treatment of forensic patients. The general objective of the course is the acquisition of knowledge and skills from this part of psychiatry necessary for the student to integrate after completing their studies I to competencies for performing medical practice.</p>	
Enrolment requirements and entry competencies	
Passed courses from previous years of study	
Learning outcomes at the Programme level	
1.1., 1.2., 2.1,2.2., 2.3., 3.1.,3.4.,3.5., 4.2.	
Learning outcomes (5-10)	
<p>After attending lectures, seminars, independent learning, and passing the exam, students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will critically evaluate the forensic significance of mental disorders 2. The student will determine the specifics in the most important areas of work of the forensic psychiatrist 3. The student will acquire knowledge in communication with the forensic patient and the therapeutic approach to the forensic patient 4. The student will interpret the algorithms of procedures in the organization of involuntary hospitalization of a psychiatric patient. 5. The student will interpret the legal and ethical aspects of forensic psychiatry 	

Course content**Lectures**

- 1) General psychopathology – forensic aspects
- 2) Schizophrenia and other delusional disorders – forensic significance
- 3) Alcohol, alcoholism, reactions to alcohol
- 4) Dependencies
- 5) Sexual offences

Seminars

- 1) Non-material damage
 - 2) Business acumen
 - 3) Law on protection of persons with mental disorders
 - 4) Involuntary hospitalization
 - 5) Judicial expertise
 - 6) Treatment of forensic patients
- Ethics in Forensic Psychiatry

Mode of teaching

Lectures; Seminars

Student obligations

Students are expected to attend all class sessions, as well as to take all the examinations. However, they are allowed for excused absences, totalling 30% of all classes.

Monitoring student work (*alignment of learning outcomes, teaching methods, and grading*)

Evaluation of the final exam:

Percentage of accurate answers provided (%)	Grade points
60,00-69,99	45
70,00-79,99	52
80,00-89,99	59
90,00-94,99	66
95,00-100,00	70

Calculation of final grade:

Grades obtained during the oral exam are added to the points earned during the course. The evaluation is performed by absolute distribution, ie on the basis of the final achievement and is compared with the numerical system as follows:

0-59.99 rating points - DID NOT PASS; 60-100 evaluation points – PASSED

Teaching activity	ECTS	Learning outcome	Student activity	Assessment methods	Grade points	
					Min.	Max.
Class attendance	0,5	1-5	Class attendance; exercises	Evidence sheet; evaluation	5	20
Exercises	0	0	Presence and active participation in exercises	Evidence sheet; evaluation; record of completed student exercises	0	0
Final exam	1,5	1-5	Learning for the final exam	Grading of the written exam	45	70
TOTAL	2				50	100

Required reading (available in the library and through other media)

Title	Number of copies in the library	Availability through other media
1. Kozarić-Kovačić Dragica, Grubišić –Ilić Mirjana, Grozdanić Velinka. Forenzička psihijatrija. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, 2005.	0	

Additional reading

1. Goreta M, Peko-Čović I, Buzina N. Psihijatrijska vještačenja. Zbirka ekspertiza. Knjiga I i II – Kazneno i Građansko pravo.

Course evaluation procedures

Anonymous, quantitative, standardized student survey providing feedback on the course as well as on the work of course coordinators and their assistants/associates is being conducted by the QA Office of the Faculty of medicine Osijek.

Note /Other

E-learning does not count towards course contact hours, but is being used in teaching and comprises links to various web pages, as well as video and audio materials available on web pages.