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INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL Introduction to Criminal Psychology

Student: Nevaeh Sandstrom

Teacher: Ms. Sherry Mohr

Semester: Fall 2022

The **PURPOSE** of this independent study is to provide the student with an opportunity to study an academic and career area which she hopes to further pursue in college. This course will be an introduction to the area of Criminal Psychology that goes beyond the course content of Applied Psychology, Dual Enrollment Psychology, and Crimes, Criminals & Courts. The course will also strive to prepare the student for successful study of related courses at the college level and for a related career in Criminal Justice/Criminology/Forensic Psychology.

Some of the **TOPICS** covered in this course will include an introduction to criminal psychology, criminal profiling, interrogation techniques, the criminal mind and psychopathology, etiology of crime, recidivism, and other relevant topics. Case studies that include a focus on behavior, cognition, psychopathology, and consequences/outcome will be a focus.

Under most circumstances, the independent study participant may provide input regarding the topics covered in the course, which allows the opportunity to cover information that particularly interests him/her.

ASSESSMENT will be accomplished through both written and oral evaluations, written assignments, and hands-on/real world assignments. The student will be required to complete reading summaries and responses, case study analyses, video responses, research summaries, and a final research paper on a criminal psychology issue of the students' choosing.

If the student does not attend scheduled meetings, does not complete assignments, or if he/she demonstrates a poor attitude or a lack of effort, he/she will lose points and may also lose the privilege of having an independent study.

The **GRADING SCALE** for this class is the standard high school grading scale:

93-100%	A
85-92%	B
77-84%	C
70-76%	D
0-69%	F

If the student successfully completes this independent study, he/she will receive .5 Social Studies **CREDIT** (semester course).

The **TEXTBOOK** to be used for this independent study will be the following:

Bull, R., Cooke, C., Hatcher, R., Woodhams, J., Bilby, C., & Grant, T. (2013). *Criminal Psychology Beginner Guide*. London: Oneworld Publications.

Other **MATERIALS/RESOURCES** will include online news sites, research databases, videos, books (including *Mindhunter*, *The Anatomy of a Motive*, *The Cases that Haunt Us*, and *The Killer Across the Table*), and other psychology and social science books/textbooks. The student will also have an online course on Schoology where she can access and submit assignments.

The **MEETING TIME** for this independent study will be weekly during the student's study halls or during the lunch hour. Online communication will also be utilized.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES:



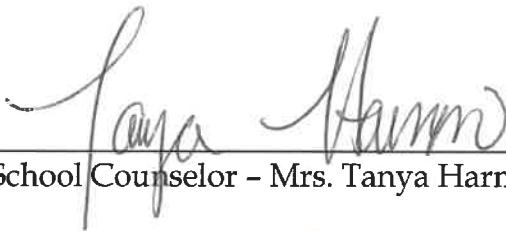
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