### Course Title:
Criminal Profiling (Web based course)  

### Term/Semester/Year:
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CRIM2240

### Instructor:
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### Course Description:
Criminal (or Offender) Profiling is commonly associated with inferring characteristics of an offender from their actions at the crime scene. Douglas and Burgess (1986) describe the process as ‘an investigative technique by which to identify the major personality and behavioral characteristics of the offender, based upon an analysis of the crimes he/she has committed’.

In line with the FDU ethos as a leader in Global Education, this course will give students a truly international perspective by examining the utilisation of profiling by law enforcement agencies both in the United States and Europe. We will examine crime and the criminal from the perspective of psychological profiles, different levels of motivation, and different prognosis of criminal behavior.

Criminal behavior will be presented as complex behavior with different phenomenology, psychopathology, and dynamics. In addition to the study of topologies, theories and research, a major focus will be on criminal profiling through presentation of case materials and case findings to further an understanding of the benefits and pitfalls of Criminal Profiling.

### Prerequisites (If any):

### Goals and Objectives:

1. Participants will understand the difference between the fictionalized profiling and the practical and scientific approaches as they now exist.

2. Participants will understand the place of profiling in the investigation; where it is useful, where it is not; the kinds of cases to which it is best suited.

3. Participants will understand the different styles of profiling including The FBI model, the joint Behavioral Investigative Analysis model used in the UK, and Geographic profiling.

4. Participants will explore the early history of offender profiling by 19th Century European scientists and consider whether it has relevance to today’s law enforcement techniques.

5. Participants will understand the value of psychological and criminological theory in understanding the possible motivations for crime.
6. Participants will understand the principles of crime linkage

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