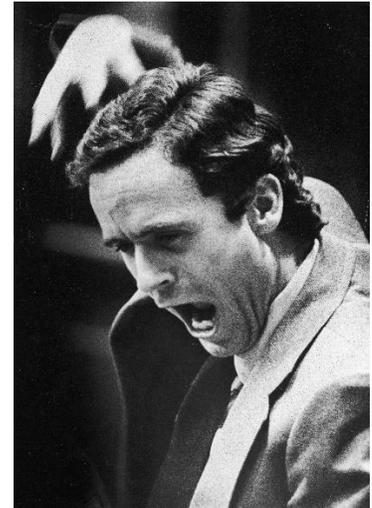
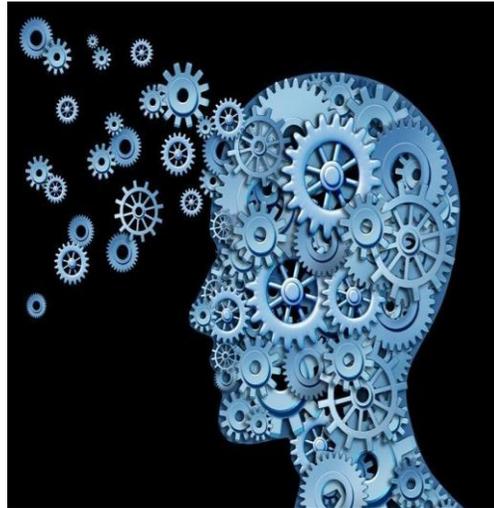
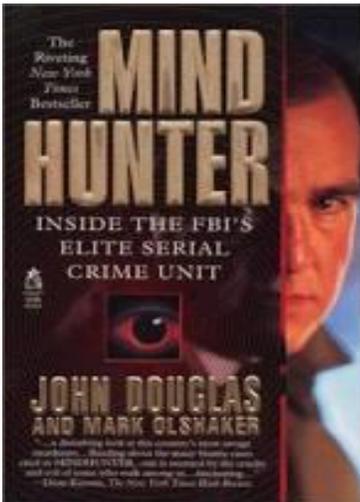


CJS 312: Criminal Behavior Analysis

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About the Course: Criminal Behavior Analysis is similar what some of you know from popular media as Criminal Profiling, though more comprehensive. This course examines in detail crimes of extreme violence from a sociopsychological behavioral analysis perspective. Topics covered include the foundations of behavioral analysis/criminal profiling, alternative approaches to behavioral analysis, inductive and deductive techniques of behavior analysis, and the elements and goals of criminal behavioral analysis. The course emphasizes multidisciplinary theory, psychopathy, antisocial personality, sadism, victimology, geographic profiling, the scientific method of inquiry and ethical considerations. Modus Operandi, signature behaviors, and the psychosexual role of fantasy as they relate to the criminal, motivation, and crime scene behavior are examined. Predatory violence and victimization in serial crimes is emphasized throughout the course. Time permitting we also discuss child abduction and stalking. Lessons and discussions are illustrated with case examples depicted in readings and video clips in an effort to bring real world events and experiences into the class with some of the most infamous criminals and their crimes.

Goals of the Course: Develop knowledge, understanding, and the practical utility of the criminal profiling process and its various theoretical and applied nuances/underpinnings. The course acquaints students with some of the more sinister human behavior in society for the purposes of developing a better understanding of the psychosocial profile of offenders and their victims - or the who, and the why?

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course, students will be able to in part:

1. Describe and Explain the major theoretical underpinnings and explanations guiding the study of extreme criminal behavior and psychopathy.
2. Analyze and Understand both the role of fantasy as an integral part of violent sexual offender motivation as well as the associated concepts and terms.
3. Analyze and Evaluate human behavior and Apply techniques of criminal behavior analysis to Create and Develop a psychological profile of a serial offender. Students will understand the role of crime scene staging, souvenirs, psychopathy, and sadism.
4. Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of advances in the field as well as the disciplinary compliments to behavior analysis including geographic profiling, entomology, the psychological autopsy, and several mechanisms of data collection on violent human behavior and death.