

Forensic Psychology

Forensic psychology examines the intersection of human behavior and criminal justice, and it applies theories and skills from psychology to the legal system, including areas such as law enforcement, corrections, victim services, and the treatment of offenders. Forensic psychology includes five major subdisciplines — police psychology, investigative psychology, criminal psychology, correctional psychology and legal psychology — all of which are covered in the course work comprising the 15-unit Certificate in Forensic Psychology.

Forensic psychologists are growing in numbers in judicial systems and law enforcement, working in correctional facilities, law enforcement agencies, police offices, school and university settings, community service agencies, and private practices. In addition to being a springboard for graduate study in Psychology, Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Criminology, the Certificate in Forensic Psychology complements undergraduate degrees in Psychology, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Urban Studies, Biology and Chemistry.

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Elective Courses: 3 units

Students are encouraged to choose from the above list to meet this requirement, but permission may also be granted for other courses from Psychological & Brain Sciences, Political Science, Sociology or other related disciplines.

Requirements

Certificate in Forensic Psychology

Required Courses: 12 units

The following two courses are required to complete the certificate:

Code	Title	Units
Psych 376	Introduction to Criminology	3
Psych 377	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	3
Total Units		6

At least two additional forensic psychology courses must be chosen from the following list:

Code	Title	Units
Psych 368	Introduction to Psychopathology and Clinical Psychology	3
Psych 385	Criminal Typologies	3
Psych 378	Crisis Intervention: The Criminal Justice Response to Chaos, Mayhem, and Disorder	3
Psych 371	Investigative Psychology	3
Psych 3251	Juvenile Delinquency	3
Psych 384M	Principles of Forensic Assessment	3
Anthro 3306	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology	3
Additional authorized forensic psychology courses		