Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Forensic Psychology

The MS program in forensic psychology provides working professionals with an understanding of mental health issues and human behavior with respect to crime and the criminal justice and legal systems.

The curriculum involves specialized coursework in criminal law, criminal behavior, the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders, and legal decision-making. Through these courses, students learn about the various roles for psychologists in the legal system and help them discover which roles they might like to pursue through careers in mental health, criminal justice or through additional graduate training. Graduates will not be license-eligible for clinical practice but will be well-prepared to enter advanced degree and continuing education programs in counseling and related fields.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** online

Degree Requirements

33 credit hours including the required capstone course PSY 549

**Required Core (12 credit hours)**
PSY 545 Advanced Legal Psychology (3)
PSY 546 Advanced Forensic Psychology (3)
PSY 547 Advanced Correctional Psychology (3)
PSY 573 Psychopathology (3)

**Electives (6 credit hours)**
Statistics and Methods (6 credit hours)
PSY 500 Research Methods (3)
PSY 515 Quantitative Analysis I (3)

Criminal Justice System Courses (6 credit hours)
CRJ 501 Seminar in Criminal Justice (3)
CRJ 513 Seminar in Courts and Sentencing (3)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
PSY 549 Capstone in Forensic Psychology (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
Other courses for the statistics and methods and criminal justice system coursework may be used with approval of the academic unit.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in psychology, criminal justice, social science, or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. letters of recommendation
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

GRE scores are recommended, but not required for all applicants. Applicants with below a 3.30 GPA in the last 60 hours of the bachelor's degree are strongly encouraged to provide GRE scores.
Applicants should demonstrate evidence of a completed psychology, social science or criminology statistics course.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

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