Forensic Psychology, MS

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 are not license-eligible for clinical practice but are 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)

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 cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (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 must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

Applicants must provide evidence of successful completion of an undergraduate or graduate social science statistics and research methods course.

GRE scores are recommended but not required for all applicants. Applicants whose GPA is below 3.30 in the last 60 credit hours of the bachelor’s degree are strongly encouraged to provide GRE scores.
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.

Application Deadlines

Fall
Spring
Summer

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