The certificate prepares students for employment in settings where expertise in law and human behavior is valuable such as in child welfare agencies, state mental health facilities, community mental health centers, juvenile and adult correction facilities, government agencies, and the courts. It also prepares students for admission to graduate programs in forensic psychology.

**Description**

"Law and human behavior" is an umbrella term that encompasses various aspects of forensic psychology, law and justice. This rapidly emerging field examines how the justice system intersects with the mental health professions. This 18-credit hour certificate program focuses on the criminal justice aspects of forensic psychology, emphasizing victimology, offender treatment, criminal incapacity, mental health law, juvenile justice and delinquency, and the dynamics of how the criminal justice system intersects with behavioral science. The program is designed to provide students of social services and social sciences with an understanding of important but understudied areas where justice policy is in desperate need of empirical, psychological research.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus, Tempe campus, West campus

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**Program Requirements**

**Required Core -- 12 credit hours**

CRJ 260: Substantive Criminal Law (3)
CRJ 410: Procedural Criminal Law (3)
PSY 366: Abnormal Psychology (SB) (3)
PSY 468: Psychology and Law (3)

Electives (choose two from outside of one's major) -- 6 credit hours

CRJ 309: Criminology (SB) (3)
CRJ 403: Victims and the Criminal Justice System (3)
CRJ 406: Sex Crimes (3)
CRJ 434: Drugs of Abuse (3)
CRJ 435: Crime and Forensic Mental Health (3)
CRJ 484: Internship (1-6)
  Notes: Only those relevant to law and human behavior
CRJ 494: Special Topics (3)
  Notes: Only those relevant to law and human behavior
PSY 341: Developmental Psychology (SB) (3)
PSY 368: Forensic Psychology (3)
PSY 443: Abnormal Child Psychology (L or SB) (3)
PSY 472: Clinical Psychology (3)
PSY 474: Correctional Psychology (3)
PSY 494: Special Topics (3)
  Notes: Only those relevant to law and human behavior

1. It is the student's responsibility to check the prerequisites required by courses in their discipline.
2. Special Topics courses (CRJ 494 and PSY 494) will be designated and approved by departments and schools. Students will need to work with an advisor in order to select appropriate special topics courses that are approved for credit in the law and human behavior certificate program.
3. At least 12 credit hours must be taken in-residence at ASU.
4. A "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required in all core and elective course work required for the certificate.
5. Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice majors who are also pursuing the Law and Human Behavior certificate may not use CRJ 309, CRJ 403, CRJ 406, CRJ 410, CRJ 434, CRJ 435, CRJ 484, and CRJ 494 towards both their degree and certificate.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment Requirements
Students must complete the following prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher (scale is 4.00 = "A") in order to enroll in the certificate program. These courses may be taken in-residence at ASU or may be transferred in from other institutions, including community colleges. Because these courses are requirements for the bachelor's degree program in psychology or criminology and criminal justice, their completion satisfies not only requirements of these two majors, but also the prerequisite requirements for enrollment in the certificate program in law and human behavior.

Completion of the following prerequisite courses with grades of C or higher are required for enrollment in the certificate program:

- CRJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
- First-Year Composition (ENG 102, 105 or 107)
- A course which meets the General Studies MA requirement (MAT 117, 119, 142, 170, 210 or 270)
- One of the following two-course sequences in statistics and research methods:
  - CRJ 302 and 303, or
  - PSY 230 and 290

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

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