Forensic Psychology
(Bachelor of Arts)

The Forensic Psychology major is designed for students who are interested in the relationship between psychology and the criminal justice system. The mission of the Forensic Psychology major is to enhance students' understanding of individual behavior, in terms of its biological, cognitive, social and emotional components and their interaction, and its effects on the broader community. Students will learn to employ an empirical approach to understand human behavior. The major prepares students for a number of careers and graduate work in psychology, social work, law enforcement, or other criminal justice professions.

Credits required. 40-46

Prerequisite. PSY 101, which does not count toward the 40 credits required in the major. This course partially fulfills the College's general education requirements in the social sciences.

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Internship Program. Students can receive practical experience in forensic psychology by enrolling in PSY 378, which offers fieldwork placements in such settings as hospitals for emotionally disturbed offenders, prisons and agencies related to the family court or otherwise offering treatment services to youthful offenders.

Baccalaureate/Master's Program in Forensic Psychology. Qualified undergraduate students may enter the BA/MA Program and thereby graduate with both a bachelor's and a master's degree in forensic psychology. For additional information, contact Professor Chitra Raghavan, Department of Psychology (212.237.8417, bamadirector@jjay.cuny.edu).

Additional information. Students who enrolled for the first time at the College or changed to this major in September 2011 or thereafter must complete the major in the form presented here. Students who enrolled prior to that date may choose either the form shown here or the earlier version of the major. A copy of the earlier version may be obtained at the Office of Undergraduate Studies or at the Lloyd George Sealy Library.

Credits

PART ONE. CORE COURSES

Required
PSY 200 Cognitive Psychology
PSY 221 Social Psychology
PSY 231 Developmental Psychology
PSY 242 Abnormal Psychology
PSY 311 Research Methods in Psychology
PSY 370/LAW 370 Psychology and the Law
STA 250 Principles and Methods of Statistics

Subtotal: 22

PART TWO. CORE ELECTIVES

Select two
PSY 243 Theories of Personality

Subtotal: 6
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PSY 320 Brain and Behavior
PSY 324 Perception
PSY 327 Learning and Memory
PSY 352 Multicultural Psychology
PSY 3XX History of Psychology

PART THREE. GENERAL ELECTIVES  
Subtotal: 6

Select two
PSY266 Psychology of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
PSY 332 Psychology of Adolescence
PSY 333 Psychology of Gender
PSY 336 Group Dynamics
PSY 339 Key Concepts in Psychotherapy
PSY 342/CSL 342 Introduction to Counseling Psychology
PSY 345/ANT 345 Culture, Psychopathology and Healing
PSY 347/AFR 347 Psychology of Oppression
PSY 372 Psychology of Criminal Behavior
PSY373 Correctional Psychology
PSY 375 Family Conflict and Family Court
PSY 378 Fieldwork in Forensic Psychology OR PSY 385 Supervised Research Experience in Psychology
PSY 3XX Tests and Measurements

PART FOUR. CAPSTONE REQUIREMENTS  
Subtotal: 6

Select two
PSY 421 Forensic, Social and Experimental Psychology
PSY 425 Seminar in Forensic Psychology
PSY 430 Clinical Topics in Forensic Psychology
PSY 476 Seminar in the Psychological Analysis of Criminal Behavior and the Criminal Justice System
PSY 485 Advanced Research Experience in Psychology

PART FIVE. HONORS THESIS IN PSYCHOLOGY (OPTIONAL)  
Subtotal: 0-6

PSY 4XX-4YY Honors Thesis I & II  
Total: 40-46