



# ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN VICTIMOLOGY STUDIES

The Advanced Certificate in Victimology Studies in Forensic Psychology aims to develop specialized knowledge in the area of interpersonal victimization in a forensic psychology context.

Areas covered include domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, child abuse, sex and labor trafficking, hate crimes, and other forms of interpersonal violence and victimization.

Upon completion of this program, students will understand how to apply victim psychology in the criminal justice system. Students will be able to engage in gendered and culturally-appropriate advocacy and screening for victims of sex trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence, and high conflict divorce.

Students will also understand issues related to vulnerability, including how ethnicity, immigrant status, sexual orientation and gender may increase risk of victimization and hamper service provision.

*Please be advised that this certificate does not qualify students to provide psychological or clinical services.*

## FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- Graduate level stand-alone certificate
- Requires 12 credits to complete
- Offered each Fall and Spring semester
- New York State Education Department certificate awarded upon completion

## REQUIRED COURSES:

- PSY 700 Mental Health Professionals, Social Science & the Law
- PSY 742 Family Violence & Disputes
- PSY 705 Victimology
- PSY 733 Dissociation and Trauma

**TOTAL: 12 Credits**

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The program is seeking individuals who have the academic background, ability, and motivation to complete the certificate successfully.

Admission to the program will be based upon the following criteria:

- A bachelor's degree, with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- A minimum of 12 credits of undergraduate coursework in psychology or related social science field.  
*Note: an exception to this requirement is made if an applicant has a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher*
- Personal statement
- At least two letters of reference
- Mental health job or externship experience is an asset for admission, but not required

Interested students in the Forensic Mental Health Counseling or Forensic Psychology master's programs at John Jay College should submit an online application, but do not need to provide additional documentation. However, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the FMHC or Forensic Psychology master's program is required for admission to the certificate program.

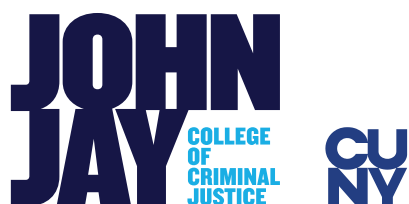
Students enrolled in other John Jay master's degree programs must meet the following requirement:

- A minimum of 12 credits of undergraduate coursework in psychology or related social science field.

## HOW TO APPLY

For more information about the application process, please visit the Graduate Admissions website:  
[www.jjay.cuny.edu/graduate](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/graduate)

Check for application deadlines at:  
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## FACULTY

Faculty interests include child maltreatment and abuse, domestic violence, sex trafficking, posttraumatic stress and other related disorders, child custody issues, multicultural issues in forensic psychology assessments, mindfulness therapy, racial microaggressions, ethical policing, terrorism, delinquency, jury and eyewitness research, competency evaluations, Miranda rights, group dynamics and cults, and homelessness and community mental health.

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