B.A. in Psychology
Forensic Psychology Concentration

- to conduct research in areas pertaining to Forensic Psychology.

The Forensic Psychology Concentration (B.A.) requires a minimum of 40 non-duplicated semester hours and leads to a bachelor of arts degree.

Required core courses (13 hours):

- PSY or PSYS 100 Introduction to Psychology (Grade of C or better)
- PSY or PSYS 210 Research Methods in Psychology
- PSY or PSYS 211 Research Methods in Psychology Laboratory (1 cr.)
- PSY or PSYS 313 Statistics in Psychology
- PSY or PSYS 481 History of Psychology

Applied Development and Behavior (3 credit hours; select one):

- PSY 220 Introduction to Lifespan Development Psychology
- PSY 422 Adolescent Psychology
- FACS 191 Child Development
- GER 100 Introduction to the Aging Experience

Foundations of Behavior (3 credit hours; select one):

- PSY 331 Psychology of Learning. [Note PSYS 331 Principles of Human and Animal Learning does not count toward our Foundations area as of Fall 2015.]
- PSY 412 Psychology of Motivation & Emotion
- PSY 436 Applied Cognitive Psychology
- PSYS 333 Cognitive Psychology

Admission

Criteria for the B.A. in Psychology are

- a minimum composite ACT of 20 (or equivalent SAT) OR
- minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 after 30 plus hours.

This concentration will involve focusing your choices in the major on Forensic Psychology relevant courses and adding additional courses from other departments for a more comprehensive exposure to the field. An additional major or minor is required. It is of particular interest to those wanting

- to work in fields involving criminal investigation and the legal system,
- to pursue graduate study in Forensic Psychology, and/or

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- PSYS 363 Psychology of Sensation & Perception
- PSYS 450 Psychology of Personality

Group Behavior (3 credit hours; select one):
- PSY 355 Cross-cultural Psychology
- PSY 371 The Psychology of Sales Behavior
- PSYS 370 Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Behavioral Change (3 credit hours; select one):
- PSY 340 Sport Psychology
- PSY 422 Beginning Skills in Psychological Interviewing
- PSY 443 Behavior Modification
- PSY 445 Introduction to Clinical and School Psychology

Required Forensic Psychology Concentration Courses (9 credit hours):
- PSY 350 Social Psychology
- PSY 440 Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 470 Psychology & Law

***concentration courses may not be counted as category courses.

Restricted Electives from Other Departments (6 credit hours; Choose two):
- CRIM 101 Intro to Criminal Justice; (Colonnade E-SB)
- CRIM 456 Homicide and Serial Homicide
- PHIL 211 Why are Bad People Bad; (Colonnade K-SC)
- PS 220 Judicial Process; (Colonnade K-SY)

MATH 183, PHIL 215, or other mathematics courses (excluding MATH 109) that satisfy the Colonnade Quantitative Reasoning requirement must also be completed.

Websites of Interest:
- APA Division 41
  - https://www.apa.org/about/division/div41
- American Psychology-Law Society

Career Fields of Interest:
- Psychology
- Criminal Justice
- Police
- Law

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