

Forensic Psychology, Minor

ASFPSYMIN

Explore the intersection of human behavior and the law. Learn how forensic psychologists contribute to the legal system through psychological assessments, investigations, court testimonies and research.

Description

Forensic psychology is the application of psychology to the law. The minor program in forensic psychology is intended for students majoring in areas other than psychology who wish to learn about the intersection of mental health, behavior and cognition, and the legal system. The minor combines a basic overview of the field of psychology with coursework focused on the elements of psychology that touch the legal system such as criminal behavior, psychological assessment and rehabilitation, legal investigation, court proceedings and mental health.

This program further teaches students about the various roles for psychologists in the legal system and helps them discover which roles they might like to pursue through careers in mental health or criminal justice, or through graduate training.

At a glance

- **College/school:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#) or [Online](#)

Curriculum

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2025-2026 Catalog Year

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Requirement	Minimum Grade	Credit Hours
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The minor in forensic psychology consists of 18 credit hours of coursework, of which a minimum of 12 hours must be upper division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be earned through courses offered by the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Credit hours may not be shared between major and minor requirements. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the minor must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.

Requirement	Minimum Grade	Credit Hours
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology (SOBE)	C	3
PSY 211 The Criminal Mind (SOBE)	C	3
PSY 366 Psychological Disorders (SOBE)	C	3
PSY 368 Forensic Psychology	C	3
PSY 467 Psychology of Criminal Investigation	C	3
PSY 468 Psychology and Law or PSY 474 Correctional Psychology	C	3

Notes

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BA and BS in psychology (including all concentrations); BS in counseling and applied psychological science (including all concentrations)

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Study abroad allows students in the psychology program to acquire enhanced knowledge and experience that enable them to stand out in many career fields. Students are exposed to unique differences in the human condition worldwide, are able to improve language and cross-cultural skills for effective communication, and are challenged to adapt under new social and cultural circumstances.

With more than 300 options available, whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, [Global Education programs](#) give students a global perspective and knowledge in preparation for their career. Students in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences can explore how their varied fields and interests interact in different settings around the world.

Career opportunities

Graduates with a minor in forensic psychology are more competitive for positions in the court, law enforcement, corrections and behavioral health areas. The minor program also serves as an introduction to the more advanced study of forensic psychology, which, with additional graduate-level training, can qualify graduates to practice as a forensic psychologist.

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