

Law and Human Behavior, Certificate

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Are you interested in the intersection of law and human behavior? This certificate can help you strengthen your knowledge and prepare you for admission to graduate degree programs in forensic psychology or law. You'll be equipped for a career in social services or with justice-minded government agencies.

Description

Law and human behavior is an umbrella term that encompasses various aspects of the rapidly emerging field of forensic psychology, law and justice.

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 Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#), [Tempe](#), [West Valley](#)

Program requirements

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Required Core -- 12 credit hours

CRJ 260: Criminal Law I: Introduction to Substantive Criminal Law (3)

CRJ 410: Criminal Procedure I: The Law of Investigations (3)

PSY 366: Psychological Disorders (SOBE OR SB) (3)

PSY 468: Psychology and Law (3)

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

CRJ 309: Criminology (SOBE OR 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 (SOBE OR SB) (3)

CRJ 484: Internship (1-6)

Notes: Only those relevant to law and human behavior

CRJ 494: Special Topics (3)

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PSY 341: Developmental Psychology (SOBE OR SB) (3)

PSY 368: Forensic Psychology (3)

PSY 443: Child and Adolescent Psychological Disorders (SOBE OR 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. 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.
2. At least 12 credit hours must be taken in residence at ASU.
3. A "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required in all coursework required for the certificate.
4. 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.

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") to enroll in the certificate program. These courses may be taken in-residence at ASU or transferred 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 is 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 that meets the General Studies MA requirement (MAT 117, 119, 142, 170, 210 or 270)
- one of these 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.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Apply psychological theory and research to explain the behavior of individuals in the criminal justice system.
- Demonstrate competency in explaining how the criminal court systems of the United States apply the law.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the law and human behavior certificate program find a strong job market in the public and private sectors. Employment opportunities include supervisory and management positions in criminal justice agencies (federal, state and local), such as:

- evidence and crime scene supervisor (crime scene investigation activities)
- forensic psychologist
- intelligence analyst
- law enforcement officer

Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

Contact information

