

Forensic Psychology Major Requirements

Description. 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. (These are the requirements for students entering John Jay September 2011 and after; students from earlier semesters have the option of meeting these requirements.)

Prerequisites. PSY 101 (does not count toward 40 credits required in the major); Math 108 or 141 (prerequisite for STA 250).

*** It is recommended that students take STA 250 & PSY 311 by the end of their sophomore summer.**

(40 total credits)	Courses (<i>prerequisites</i>)
PART 1 <i>Required courses</i> (22 credits)	___ PSY 200 Cognitive Psychology (ENG 101 & PSY 101) ___ PSY 221 Social Psychology (ENG 101 & PSY 101) ___ PSY 231 Developmental Psychology (ENG 101 & PSY 101) ___ PSY 242 Psychological Disorders & Distress (formerly Abnormal Psychology) (ENG 101 & PSY 101) ___ *STA 250 Statistics (MAT 104; MAT 108 OR 141) ___ *PSY 311 (4cr) Research Methods in Psychology (ENG 102/201; PSY 101, PSY 200; STA 250) ___ PSY/LAW 370 Psychology & Law (ENG 102/201; PSY 101; and PSY 221 OR PSY 242 OR LAW 203)
PART 2 Core Electives in General Psychology Choose 2 (6 CR)	___ PSY 320 Brain and Behavior (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 200 & STA 250; PSY 311 is recommended) ___ PSY 324 Perception (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 200 & STA 250) ___ PSY 327 Learning and Memory (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 200 & STA 250) ___ PSY 329 History of Psychology (ENG 102/201, PSY 101 & STA 250 or permission of instructor) ___ PSY 352 Multicultural Psychology (ENG 102/201, PSY 101 & STA 250) ___ PSY 353 (formerly PSY 243) Theories of Personality (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 242 & STA 250)
PART 3 General Electives Choose 2 (6 CR)	___ PSY 266 Psychology of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse (ENG 102/201, PSY 101) ___ PSY 332 Psychology of Adolescence (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 231) ___ PSY 333 Psychology of Gender (ENG 102/201; PSY 101 or permission of the instructor; and pre- or co-requisites PSY 311 or SSC 325) ___ PSY 336 Group Dynamics (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 221) ___ PSY 339 Key Concepts in Psychotherapy (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 242 and PSY 353), junior standing or instructor permission) ___ PSY/CSL 342 Introduction to Counseling Psychology (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 242 and PSY 353) ___ PSY/ANT 345 Culture, Psychopathology & Healing (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 242, junior standing) ___ AFR/PSY 347 Psychology of Oppression (ENG 102/201; and [PSY 101 or AFR/PSY 129]; and [PSY 221 or 200-level AFR studies course]) ___ PSY 355 Tests and Measurement (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 200, STA 250) ___ PSY 372 Psychology of Criminal Behavior (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 242 or permission of instructor) ___ PSY 373 Correctional Psychology (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 242) ___ PSY 375 Family Conflict & Family Court (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 231) [___ PSY 378 Fieldwork in Forensic Psychology (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, PSY 242, Forensic Psych major; IMPORTANT: students arrange fieldwork/internship and register with Center for Career & Professional Development) OR ___ PSY 385 (or 387) Supervised Research Experience in Psychology (ENG 102/201, PSY 101, STA 250, PSY 311, junior standing, and instructor permission: students complete independent study form to register)
PART 4 Capstone Courses Choose 2 (6 CR)	___ PSY 421 Forensic Social and Experimental Psychology (ENG 102/201, PSY 221, STA 250, PSY 311, PSY/LAW 370, and senior standing) ___ PSY 425 Seminar in Forensic Psychology (ENG 102/201, STA 250, PSY 311, PSY/LAW 370, senior) ___ PSY 430 Clinical Topics in Forensic Psychology (ENG 102/201, PSY 242, 311, PSY/LAW 370, senior) ___ PSY 476 Seminar in Advanced Analysis of Criminal Behavior (ENG 102/201, PSY 242, PSY/LAW 370 or PSY 372, senior standing) ___ PSY 485 Advanced Research Experience in Psych (ENG 102/201, PSY 385, instructor permission: students complete independent study form to register)