

# FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

**Banner Code:** FPSY

<sup>1</sup> with Undergraduate Associate Chair approval

## Academic Advising

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This minor is designed to supplement the study of psychology, criminology, or other justice-related areas with an overview of the intersection of psychology and the criminal justice system. The minor focuses specifically on mental illness in the criminal justice system, the psychological experiences of victims, psychological science in the courtroom, and psychological factors related to criminal behavior.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

#### Core Courses

PSYC 100	Basic Concepts in Psychology (Mason Core)	3
PSYC 325	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 380	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	3
PSYC 381	Mental Illness and Criminal Justice	3
Total Credits		12

#### Electives

Select two courses from the following: 6

PSYC 382	Psychology of Crime Victims
PSYC 440	Forensic Psychology: Science and Pseudoscience
PSYC 441	Criminal Behavior: Psychological and Neurological Aspects
CRIM 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice (Mason Core)
PSYC 461	Special Topics <sup>1</sup>
PSYC 462	Selected Topics in Forensic Psychology <sup>1</sup>

Total Credits 6