Psychology - Forensic Psychology, M.A.

The master’s degree in Forensic Psychology prepares students for careers in intelligence analysis and criminal investigation at the local, state, and federal levels of law enforcement. The program emphasizes scientific research in experimental psychology and applications to forensics issues. This is a non-clinical program that trains students in quantitative methods of scientific inquiry.

The Forensic Psychology major requires a minimum of 49 graduate credit hours. In addition to the core courses required for all Psychology M.A. students, a student exercising the Forensic Psychology major must also enroll in the Forensic Psychology course work and additional course work as required by the advisory committee. A student enrolled in this major must submit a thesis in partial fulfillment of their degree requirements. The student’s advisory committee, with the addition of one faculty member from outside the department, will constitute the reading committee for the master’s thesis. The member from outside the department will, at the request of the student, be appointed by the graduate dean along with confirmation of the total committee as the thesis is begun. The master’s thesis is a research project which has the potential for publication in a psychological journal. For clarification of what qualifies as research in the field of psychology and for matters of concern regarding the design and reporting of research, the student is referred to the publication manual of the American Psychological Association.

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Admission Requirements
Submit the following items to:
Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

- Admission to the Graduate Forensic Psychology Program is for Fall semester only. Application Deadline is January 15. Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show:
  - A minimum 3.0 overall undergraduate GPA or 3.0 in the last 60 hours.
  - Completion of 24 undergraduate hours as follows: PSY 1103, PSY 2753, PSY 3713, PSY 3833, PSY 3903, PSY 4753, PSY 4763, and FRSC 2503.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency (p.15).
- Graduate Record Examination scores:
  - A GRE score of at least 290 on the combined verbal reasoning and quantitative sections (900 combined on the previous scale) and a minimum of 3.5 on the analytical writing section. Combined verbal reasoning and quantitative scores above the median are strongly preferred.
  - A one or two page career goals statement that includes a research area of interest in Forensic Psychology is required with the application.

Other Requirements
- Plan of Study. Students must complete a plan of study during their first semester, which they must then file immediately with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS). The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Students must meet the following course work standards:
  - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher; and
  - No more than six (6) hours of “C” shall be applied to the degree; and
  - No grade below “C” will be applied to the degree requirements.
  - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Thesis. Enroll in PSY 5990, complete an acceptable Thesis, and successfully defend it in public in accordance with the guidelines of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements
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