

MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

The Forensic Psychology program offers two tracks: Applied Forensics, which prepares students for careers in law enforcement or homeland security; and Applied Psychology, which prepares students for careers as providers of direct services to clients in organizations such as correctional facilities and community action organizations and can serve as a springboard for clinical work at the doctoral level. Students are required to complete 250 hours of externship training, tailored to their professional interest. Day, evening and weekend classes are offered to accommodate both full-time students and working professionals.

Visit the program website (<https://forensicpsychology.columbian.gwu.edu>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines: Fall - February 1: Priority consideration for admission and funding; April 1: Guaranteed review for admission and consideration for funding, if available. (Applications for admission will continue to be accepted after April 1, when space remains available in the program.)

Spring - Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis beginning in August, with a final deadline of October 1.

Applications submitted after the deadlines indicated above will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Standardized test scores: GRE general test (institutional code 5246). Waived for applicants who hold a JD, MD, or PhD.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the program are:

- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0; or

- TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based; or

- PTE Academic: 53

Recommendations: One (1) recommendation required.

Prior academic records:

Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translation alone should be uploaded into your application.

Statement of purpose: In an essay of 250-500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in forensic psychology. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application.

Additional requirements: An interview is required for those applicants whose application is deemed by the faculty to indicate a high probability of success in the program. Applicants for whom a personal interview would create an undue hardship may request that the interview be conducted telephonically.

Interview: An interview is required.

International applicants only: Please follow this link - <https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants> (<https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants/>) - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Graduate Studies
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 107
Washington DC 20052

For additional information about the admissions process visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (<https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions-faq/>) page.

Contact:

askccas@gwu.edu
202-994-6210 (phone)

Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

37 credits, including 25 credits in required courses, 12 credits in elective courses, and successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
FORP 6101	Psychology and the Legal System I	
FORP 6102	Psychology and the Legal System II	
FORP 6103	Theories of Criminal Behavior	
FORP 6104	Psychopathology	
FORP 6105	Basics of Psychological Assessment	
FORP 6106	Ethics in Forensic Psychology	
FORP 6107	Research and Statistics	
FORP 6108	Consultation and Testimony	
FORP 6130	Practicum/Externship	

Potential curriculum paths

Applied forensics

Four of the following recommended elective courses:

FORP 6117	Interrogation and Interviewing
FORP 6118	Psychological Profiling
FORP 6119	Police Psychology
FORP 6120	Counterintelligence
FORP 6128	Terrorism and Counterterrorism
FORP 6129	Investigative Psychology
FORP 6150	Advanced Topics in Forensic Psychology

Applied psychology

Four of the following recommended elective courses:

FORP 6109	Evaluation and Treatment of Offenders
FORP 6110	Forensic Psychological Assessment
FORP 6111	Evaluation and Treatment of Sex Offenders

FORP 6112	Substance Abuse Evaluation and Treatment
FORP 6113	Victimology
FORP 6115	Children and Adolescents in the Legal System
FORP 6131	Individuals with Mental Illness in the Legal System
FORP 6150	Advanced Topics in Forensic Psychology

Other requirements

Successful completion of a master's comprehensive examination is required.