

Guide to Graduate Programs in Forensic and Legal Psychology

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The *Guide to Graduate Programs in Forensic and Legal Psychology*, now in its 7th edition, seeks to provide a comprehensive resource for prospective students interested in furthering their graduate training and education in psychology and law. Current graduate programs in forensic psychology and legal psychology are listed alphabetically by degree type: doctoral programs (Ph.D. and Psy.D.), joint programs (Ph.D./J.D., Psy.D./J.D., J.D./M.A., Ph.D./M.L.S.), and masters-level programs. Each program is then described using the same categories, including sections on department information, student applications/admissions, financial information/assistance, research, internship/Practicum, employment of department graduates, and any other additional information available. All information (or lack thereof) was reported by the school themselves and was not gleaned by the originators of this guide from publicly available sources.

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Please note: although all information in this guide was provided by each graduate program, it is possible that by the time students apply to the program, changes such as funding availability and faculty turnover occur. Therefore, students are encouraged to verify and rely on information provided by the graduate program at the time of the application.

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Ph.D. Programs Summary Table

Program	GRE	GPA	Applicants: Admissions	Grants & Stipends /Assista ntships	Tuition Waivers /Remissi on	Years to Comple te	Years in Existenc e
Arizona State U.	No min.	No min.	20-30:1	Yes/Yes	Yes	5-6	7
Drexel U.	No min	No min	600:4	Yes/Yes	Yes	5	36
Fairleigh Dickinson U.	1000	3.0	300/11	No/Yes	Yes	5.5	39
Florida International U.	N/A	3.5	50:3	Yes/Yes	Yes	5	31
Fordham University*	None	None	800:8	Yes	Yes	6	71
Iowa State U.	No min	3.0	150:4-6	Yes/Yes	Yes	5.5	50
John Jay (Clinical PhD)	NA	No min	300:7	Yes/Yes	Yes	6	20
John Jay (Non-Clinical PhD)	No min	No min	60+:3-4	Yes/Yes	Yes	5-6	20
Montclair State U.	Optional	3.0 (bachelor's) 3.5 (master's)	Fall 2025 cohort: 373:14	Yes/Yes	Yes	5-6	9
Northwestern University- Feinberg	Not accepted	No min.	100:1	Yes/Yes	Yes	5-6	53
Nova Southeastern U.*	297	3.0 – UG 3.5 - Grad	129:8	Yes/Yes	No	5	35
Ontario Tech. University	No min	3.7	8:1	Yes/ Yes	No	4/5	10
Palo Alto U.	No min	No min	466:70	Yes/Yes	No	5	15+
Sam Houston U.	NA	No min	200:7	Yes/Yes	No	6	23
Southern Illinois U., Carbondale	Avg-High scores	3.0	20:1	Yes/Yes	Yes	6	60
Texas Tech U.	Avg-High scores	3.6	30:2	Yes/Yes	Yes	6	20
U. of Alabama	No min	3.0	100:2-3	Yes/Yes	Yes	6	66
U. of California, Irvine*	No min	3.0	220:12	Yes / Yes	No / Yes	5-6	45
U. of Florida	305	3.5	60:8-12	Yes	Yes	4-6	21
U. of Massachusetts, Lowell*	>50 th %tile	3.75	N/A:6-8	Yes/Yes	Yes	4	1
U. of Nevada, Reno	No min	3.0	40:5-8	Yes/Yes	Yes	4.5-6	58
U. of North Dakota-Clinical	NA	3.0	18:3	Yes/Yes	Yes	4-5	67
U. of North Dakota- Experimental	No min.	No min.	13 - 25: 1	Yes/Yes	Yes	4-6	56
U. of North Texas	NA	No min	350-450: 7-9	Yes/Yes	Partial	5.8	47
U. of Texas, El Paso	No min	No min	25:3	Yes/Yes	No	4.6	27
U. of Wyoming	N/A	3.3	45: 1-2	Yes/Yes	Yes	4-5	25
West Virginia U.	N/A	3.0	175:7	Yes/Yes	Yes	5.2	58

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Psy.D. Programs Summary Table

Program	GRE	GPA	Applicants: Admissions	Grants & Stipends/Assistantships	Tuition Waivers/Remission	Years to Complete	Years in Existence
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology	No min	3.0	43:30	Yes/Yes	No	4-5	16
Florida Institute of Technology	Yes	Median 3.73	200:20	Yes/Yes	No	5	43
Nova Southeastern U.*	297	UG: 3.0 Grad: 3.5	304:92	Yes/Yes	No	5	36
Spalding U.	3.5	130:30	Yes/Yes	No	6	13	3.5
U. of Denver	N/A	3.7	850-950	Yes/Yes	No	4-5	50
William James College	Optional	3.0	400-500: 100	Yes/Yes	No	5	50
Widener U.	N/A	3.68	442:32	Yes/No	No	5	55

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Joint Programs Summary Table

Program	GRE	LSAT	Applicant s: Admissio ns	Grants & Stipends/Assistantshi ps	Tuition Waivers/Remission	Years to Complete	Years in Existe nce
Cornell U.	1200	120-180	100: 5-8	Yes/Yes	Yes	6	8
Drexel U.	No min.	161+	30:1-2	Yes/Yes	Yes	6-7	40
Simon Fraser U.	Average-High scores		25:2	Yes/Yes	No	6-8	25
U. of California, Irvine		3.0	683:16 (PhD) 3720: 189 (JD)	Yes/Yes	Yes (PhD); No (Law)	6-7	15
U. of Minnesota	M GRE Quant (2019-2025): 76 th %ile M GRE Verbal (2019-2025): 88 th %ile	162-170 (Class of 2027)	See (<a href="https://apps.grad.u
mn.edu/st
ats/ad/10
81200.sht
ml">https://a pps.grad.u mn.edu/st ats/ad/10 81200.sht ml)	100% receiving assistantships unless entering with external funding guarantee	100% Full Time tuition covered for 5 years; funding opportunities available in year 6	6 (varies by area of specialization in Psychology)	40+
U. of Nebraska, Lincoln (JD/Ph.D.)	Not Required	No min.	20:2	Yes/Yes	Yes	7	51
U. of Nebraska, Lincoln (Ph.D./MLS)	Not Required	No min	20:2	Yes/Yes	Yes	5	51

Master's Programs Summary Table

Program	GRE	GPA	Applicants: Admissions	Grants & Stipends Assistantships	Tuition Waivers/ Remission	Years to Complete	Years in Existence
Adler School of Professional Psychology	Not required	3.0	90:24	Yes/No	No	2	4
American International College	Not required	2.75	30:15	Yes/Yes	Yes	2	15
Arizona State U. (on-campus)	Not required	3.0	60-90:20	Yes/No	No	2	15
Arizona State U. (online)	Not required	3.0	680-780:640-690	Yes/No	No	1-2	8
California State U.	Not required	3.0	200:4-6	Yes/No	No	2	23
The Chicago School of Profess. Psychology	Not required	3.0	193:154 (all campuses)	Yes/Yes	No	2-4	7-23 (varies by campus)
Drexel U.*							
Fairleigh Dickinson U.	N/A	Overall ≥3.5	120-130: 40	No/No	No	1.5	17
Fordham U.	None	None	200:30	40%	No	2	8
George Washington U.	Verbal optional	3.0	200: 75	No	Yes (limited)	1.5	12
John Jay College of Criminal Justice	50 th %ile	3.0	300:120	No/No	No	2	32
Kean U.	Optional	3.0	90/35	No/Yes	No	2	9
Kentucky State U.*	Optional	3.0	12: 6	No/Yes	Yes	3	6
Marymount U.	N/A	3.0	250+:90	No/Yes	No	2	20+
Montclair State U.	> 21 st %ile	≥ 3.0	105	Yes, though limited; approximately 1- 2 each year	Yes, if a graduate assistant hip is received	Two years, if full-time	~10
Nova Southeastern U.*	Not required	3.0 – UG	147:105	No/Yes	No	1-2	6
Ontario Tech. U.	No min	3.0	40:6	Yes/Yes	No	2	10
Roger Williams U. *	No min.	3.0	100-125: 24	Yes/Yes	No	2	15
Russell Sage College	Not required	3.0	60/50	No/Yes	Yes/No	3-4	24
Saint Mary's U. *	Not required	≥3.3/4.3	~20: 5	Yes/ Yes	No	2	5
U. of California, Irvine	Not required	3.0		No/No	No	2	10
U. of Denver	N/A	3.3	230: 65	Yes/Yes	No	2	25
U. of Houston, Victoria	Required	No min, but included in admissions index	30+:15-18	No/No	No	2 &1/3	11
U. of Nevada, Reno*	Average scores	2.75	Unknown: 6-8	Yes/Yes	Yes	2	10
U. of North Dakota	Not required	3.2	10:3	Yes/No	No	2	16
Westfield State U. (all three programs)	N/A	3.0	N/A	Yes/Yes (competitive)	Yes (competiti ve)	3	0
William James College	Not required	3.0	76:24	Yes/Yes	No	2-3	18

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PH.D. PROGRAMS

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Arizona State University

Ph.D. program in Law and Psychology

Arizona State University

Phoenix, AZ 85069

Director of Program: Karey O'Hara, Ph.D.

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Program website: <http://lawpsych.asu.edu>

<p>Programs & Degrees Offered: Ph.D. Program in Law and Psychology Concurrent enrollment with J.D. possible, but not formalized</p>	<p>APA Accredited: N/A</p>
<p>Department Information: This program is housed in ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences – one of four units at ASU that offer psychology programs. Program faculty are a part of ASU's Law and Behavioral Science group, consisting of 16 faculty and over 1900 students who work at the intersection of law and psychology. Students may choose their mentor from among the core faculty. (We recommend contacting individual faculty members to assess their interest in admitting students.)</p> <p>The program consists of 84 credits (30 research credits and 54 coursework credits) that can be completed in 5-6 years. A thesis, comprehensive exam, and dissertation are required. Students entering with a MA/MS may have the thesis and up to 30 credits waived.</p>	<p>Tuition: Ph.D. students are eligible for full tuition remission with a TA/RA position.</p> <p>Financial Assistance: TA/RA positions are available and include stipend, health insurance, and full tuition remission. Average stipend is \$28,000 for 9 months, plus optional summer funding upon availability. This program will not admit a student unless we expect to be able to provide 4-5 years of funding.</p>
<p>Student Applications: Applications received each year: 31-65 Offers extended each year: 2-7</p> <p>Admissions Requirements: Applications materials include transcripts, three letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and a CV.</p> <p>There are no minimum admission criteria, and we examine applications holistically. However, based on the competitive nature of the application process, students with GPAs of 3.5+, good fit with a faculty mentor, and strong research experience will be at an advantage. Strengths in one area may make up for weaknesses in another. Applicants should address their suitability for doctoral study in their personal statement.</p>	<p>Research: This is a research-oriented program. Students are expected to conduct empirical research at the intersection of law and psychology and then present / publish that research in academic outlets appropriate to the field.</p> <p>Internship/Practicum: No internships are required.</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: This is a relatively new program with the first student admitted in 2018. To date, five students have graduated and employment includes tenure-track faculty, NSF-funded postdoc, trial consultant, court-based research analyst, research scientist.</p> <p>Additional Information: It is possible to concurrently enroll with the JD program at ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Students need to independently apply and be admitted to both programs. Students doing this can double-count 12 credits of elective coursework toward both degrees.</p>

Drexel University

PhD Degree in Clinical Psychology
 Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Drexel University
 3141 Stratton Hall
 Philadelphia, PA 19104

Director of Forensic Concentration: Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D.

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Program Website: <https://drexel.edu/coas/academics/graduate-programs/psychology/doctorate-clinical-psychology/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: 36 years in existence. Number of full-time clinical faculty: 10. Number of full-time specialized forensic faculty: 3. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic psychology-related classes: 8. Students primarily take classes in Drexel's psychology department and have the option to take classes in the law school. Requires 90 credits in psychology to graduate. Students are required to complete a Master's thesis and a doctoral dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of degree is 5. Graduating students are eligible for licensure. Program includes forensic psychology as a major area of study.	Tuition: Average overall cost for completion of program: Tuition waived. Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students that receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$18,000 plus tuition waiver annually.
Student Applications: On average there are 600 applicants each year; typically, 4 applicants are accepted. Of these, 1 will be concentrating in forensic psychology. Students are accepted to work with a specific faculty mentor. Admissions Requirements: GRE Total Score: No Minimum required. GPA: 3.5 recommended. Number of recommendations: 3. Program accepts students with or without a Master's degree.	Research: 100% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year. Internship/Practicum: Students complete 3 years of clinical Practicum. Employment of Department Graduates: University; college; medical school; policy institute; government agency; non-profit research position; hospital; court clinic; private clinical practice; private forensic practice. Additional Information: None.

Fairleigh Dickinson University

PhD in Clinical Psychology with Forensic Track

School of Psychology

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1000 River Road

Teaneck, NJ 07666

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Director of Program: Eleanor McGlinchey, Ph.D.

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Program Website: <https://www.fdu.edu/program/phd-clinical-psychology/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology with Forensic Track	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: Number of full-time faculty: 9. Number of part-time faculty: 4. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 2-3. Requires 93.5 credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are not required to complete a Master's thesis. Students must complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 5.5.	Tuition: Flat fee for tuition, each of first 3 years \$48,686. Average overall cost for completion of program: \$163,000. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 0%. Amount of financial assistance made available to their average student enrolled in program: \$15,000.
Student Applications: On average receive 300 applications each year. 11-14 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: Students can still get accepted into the program based on other merit if their GRE score is not high enough. Other criteria: GPA: 3.0; GRE Subject Test is required. This requirement is waived for this year	Research: 45% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year. Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 18 credit hours of Practicum experience. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Evaluative research, Research position, Treatment/counseling position Additional Information: None.

Florida International University

PhD in Legal Psychology
Department of Psychology, DM 245
Florida International University

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Program Website: <https://case.fiu.edu/psychology/phd-in-legal-psychology/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Legal Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 31 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 5. Number of part-time faculty: 0 specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes available. Requires 75 credits to graduate. Required to complete an empirical dissertation and thesis. Required to complete qualifying exam portfolio to advance to candidacy. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 5	Tuition: Tuition waiver. Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain assistantships. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100% (assuming they graduate within 5 years; however, that may change in the future as we cannot guarantee funding for a fifth year, even though we have so far been able to provide that funding). Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: at least \$30,000 + tuition waiver
Student Applications: On average receive 50 applications each year. On average 3 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: There are no minimal admission criteria per se, however, we typically expect students to have at least a GPA of 3.5 or higher and previous research experience. Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 3	Research: 90% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship/Practicum: N/A Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Evaluative research, University administration, and Non-academic research position Additional Information: Students are encouraged to conduct research with several faculty, not only their major advisor

Fordham University*

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Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: Number of full-time faculty: 30. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 5. Requires 85 credits to graduate. Required to complete a master's thesis, doctoral comprehensive examination, and dissertation to graduate from program. Option to pursue training (e.g., coursework, research, and clinical training) in forensic psychology. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 6. Students have the opportunity to take classes at an affiliated law school. Students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1,546; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$8000 (tuition costs, including dissertation defense, while on internship). Financial Assistance: All students receive a competitive funding package renewed annually (1 to 4 years) with multiple options for 5 th year funding. Students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students who receive assistantships: 100%. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 80%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: averages approximately \$75,000 including tuition reimbursement, 9-month stipend, and health insurance subsidy.
Student Applications: On average receive 800 applications each year. Between 7 to 10 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Admissions requirements, inclusive of a comprehensive FAQ section to support applicants developing their application, can be found at the following:	Research: 100% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 12 credit hours of Practicum for graduation. Employment of Department Graduates: 30% Treatment/clinical position, 30% Academic, 40% research position (often affiliated with a teaching hospital/major medical center) Additional Information: All applications are to the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program and can orient their training around one of four major areas of study (child/adolescent, forensic, health, & neuropsychology) ,

Iowa State University

PhD in Cognitive or Social Psychology, Psychology-Law Concentration

Psychology Dept.

Iowa State University

Ames, IA 50010

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Program Coordinator: Andrew Smith, Ph.D.

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Program Website: <https://psychology.iastate.edu/academics/graduate-studies/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Cognitive or Social Psychology, Psychology-Law Concentration	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: Number of full-time faculty: 22. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of psych-law faculty: 6. Number of specialized psychology & law related classes: 4. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 5.5.	Tuition: Students receive a tuition scholarship each academic year (fall and spring semester). Students are not required to enroll over the summer semester. Financial Assistance: All students receive a teaching and/or research assistantships. Percent of students receiving grants or stipends throughout their tenure in the program: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: stipend of \$20,872 for the 10-month academic calendar; full tuition costs of \$13,464 (or \$31,076 for non-residents); full health insurance coverage valued at \$2,490.
Student Applications: The Cognitive and Social Psychology programs each receive ~75 applications per year, with 2-3 applicants accepted into each program annually. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE Total Score: no minimum and is optional Other criteria: GPA: minimum 3.0 but successful candidates typically exceed this; Number of recommendations: 3.	Research: Each year ~82% of students present research at a regional or national conference and/or publish. Employment of Department Graduates: Faculty or Research positions at a University; Data Analyst, Research, or Evaluator positions in Government; Data Analyst or Researcher positions in relevant Industry. Additional Information: None.

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

PhD in Clinical Psychology

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New York, NY 10019

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Program website: <https://www.gc.cuny.edu/psychology/training-areas/clinical-psychology-john-jay-college>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: 20 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 10. Requires 90 credits to graduate. Students are also required to complete an empirical dissertation project. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 6. Program only enrolls full time students. Students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Overall cost for completion: 0 if completed in 5 years (all students receive 5 years of tuition remission). Financial Assistance: Students are guaranteed tuition remission for 5 years, and may receive a stipend of roughly \$30,000 per year (although not all students may receive stipends), and an opportunity to purchase low cost health insurance.
Student Applications: In 2024, the program received roughly 300 applications and accepted 7 students. Admissions Requirements: Scores: Applicants are evaluated on grades, previous research and clinically relevant experience, and fit with program faculty and required training. Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 3; GRE is <u>not</u> required; Program accepts students who have and have not already received their MA	Research: The program equally emphasizes developing students' research and clinical skills. Students are expected to publish and present their research at conferences. Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 3 years of Practicum, but most complete 3-4 years and they are required to complete a year-long full-time predoctoral internship Employment of Department Graduates: Academic career, Hospital/Academic Medical Center, Forensic Settings, Private Psychology Practice. Additional Information: Program faculty are theoretically eclectic and represent cognitive-behavioral, psychodynamic, humanistic, feminist, and integrative perspectives. Clinical and forensic training occurs at New York City hospitals, jails and diversion programs, with diverse populations.

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

PhD in Psychology and Law
Psychology and Law Doctoral Program
John Jay College/Graduate Center – CUNY
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New York, NY 10019

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Program Website: <https://www.gc.cuny.edu/psychology/training-areas/psychology-and-law>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Psychology and Law	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 20 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 7 (with two new hires coming in Fall 2026). Number of part-time faculty: 1. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 12. Requires 60 credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive activities milestone checklist to graduate from the program (e.g., conference attendance, submission of a first-authored paper for peer review). Students are required to complete the equivalent of a master's thesis (CUNY calls this requirement a "first doctoral exam"). They must also write either a NSF-style grant proposal or an integrative Psych Bulletin-style review paper ("second doctoral exam"). Finally, students are required to complete an empirical dissertation project (the third doctoral exam). The program only enrolls full time students. Students do not have the opportunity to choose between thesis or Practicum tracks. As this program does not train students to provide health services, students are not eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$0. Overall cost for completion: \$0, program is fully funded. Financial Assistance: All students currently receive research assistantships in their first year and teaching assignments in years 2-5 (with the assignments typically being teaching assistantships or recitation section leaders). Percent of students who receive funding during their first year: 100%. Percent of students who receive funding during their fifth year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to average student: full tuition plus \$30,634 minimum stipend. Also receive access to low-cost individual or family health insurance. Students pay for books, living expenses, and activity fees.
Student Applications: On average the program receives 60+ applications each year. Program enrolls 3-4 new students each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: At the moment, GRE scores are not required for admissions into the program. Average GPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicants: 3.6 • All enrolled: 3.7 Students can still get accepted into the program based on other merit if their GRE score is not high enough (e.g., Number/quality of recommendations: 3). Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree.	Research: The program is research intensive. 90% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year. Many students receive research grants from the department, the Graduate Center, or APLS. Internship/Practicum: Students are not required to complete Practicum. Employment of Department Graduates: Academic career, Private industry, Evaluative research, Research position, Marketing, Trial Consulting. Additional Information: Students benefit from opportunities to take courses throughout CUNY and graduate schools in the New York City metropolitan area.

Montclair State University

PhD Clinical Psychology
Area of Emphasis in Forensic Psychology
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Program website: <https://www.montclair.edu/psychology/graduate-programs/phd-in-clinical-psychology/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology with an area of emphasis in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: The PhD Program in Clinical Psychology at Montclair State University (Montclair State) adheres to the scientist–practitioner training model, employs a mentorship model from the time of an offer of admission, and offers two areas of emphasis in its foremost areas of strength (forensic psychology and clinical child psychology). Montclair State is the second largest state university in New Jersey, and the program is housed within the university’s sizable and active Psychology Department, which features numerous graduate training programs (in the areas of clinical and school psychology, industrial–organizational psychology, and general psychological science) in addition to undergraduate majors and minors. The program itself is staffed by 11 core faculty members and 5 associated faculty members who also mentor students in research. Five of the program’s faculty members have research programs relevant to the area of emphasis in forensic psychology. This area of emphasis requires completion of four elective courses pertaining to forensic psychology, externship training in forensic psychology, and a dissertation project relevant to forensic psychology. Montclair State’s location within eyeshot of New York City, and the Program being a member of the New York New Jersey Association of Directors of Training (NYNJADOT), means that there are a multitude of practicum training opportunities available to students, including numerous externships in forensic and correctional psychology specifically.	Tuition: Students receive doctoral assistantships that include full waiver or coverage of tuition for four years in the program. Beyond year 4, students typically use some of their internship salary or teaching-related income to pay for the few remaining credits during year 5 or if they extend into a 6th year. Financial Assistance: Doctoral assistantships also include a stipend. In the first 2 years of the program, students’ doctoral assistantships are in exchange for working for approximately 20 hours per week as research assistants. In years 3 and 4 of the program, doctoral assistantships are typically in exchange for working for approximately 10 hours per week as a research assistant and teaching one undergraduate course in both the fall and spring terms. In coordination with the Psychology Department and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the program also arranges for annual conference participation travel assistance for students, and biannual research support awards and special travel awards. Students can also apply each year for still other travel- and research-related awards offered by the university.
Student Applications: In recent years, the program has tended to receive around 300 to 400 applications annually, with incoming cohort sizes typically ranging from 6 to 10. Faculty members with research programs relevant to forensic psychology are often the most frequently endorsed mentors of interest by applicants. Usually about a fifth to a third of an incoming cohort plans to complete the area of emphasis in forensic psychology. Admissions Requirements: Applications are due by December 1st each year. In addition to prior transcripts, applicants must submit a CV, personal statement, writing sample, and three letters of recommendation, as well as complete a supplemental application survey. (For international	Research: Per the program’s training philosophy, the program places equal emphasis on developing students’ research and clinical knowledge, skills, and attitudes. In addition to coursework in the discipline-specific knowledge areas of research methods, quantitative methods, and psychometrics, students must also complete a second-year project and dissertation. Discipline-specific knowledge and developing profession-wide competence with respect to research is also appraised as part of the program’s comprehensive examination. Students are expected to annually attend academic conferences and disseminate their research work in the form of conference presentations and publications.

<p>students, unless eligible for a waiver, an English language proficiency test score must also be submitted). The GRE General Test and GRE Subject Test in Psychology are both optional (if GRE General Test results are submitted, the program recommends scores being above the 50th percentile). Applicants are evaluated holistically on indicators including undergraduate and prior graduate academic performance; fit with the program's training model, areas of emphasis, and the applicant's preferred research mentor; prior training and experience in research; prior training and experience in the delivery of human services; and evidence of commitment to the profession-wide competency of respect for individual and cultural diversity. For those applying with only a bachelor's degree, an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 is required; for those applying with a master's degree, a graduate GPA of at least 3.5 is required. Applicants should have a bachelor's or master's degree in psychology or a related discipline, although those who have completed at least 15 psychology credits will be considered.</p>	<p>Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete three years of practicum (aka externship) training and a year-long, full-time predoctoral internship in health service psychology.</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: Graduates of the program have gone on to a variety of postdoctoral training or first jobs to begin their early careers, and have frequently sought and obtained licensure as psychologists. For those who completed the area of emphasis in forensic psychology, their early career work settings have included state psychiatric hospitals, correctional facilities, juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement agencies, academic medical centers, and private practices.</p> <p>Additional Information: The interests of program faculty members with research labs relevant to forensic psychology include forensic mental health assessment, correctional psychology, and police and public safety psychology; decision-making by persons involved with the criminal and juvenile legal systems; externalizing conditions among youth; forensic interviewing for child protection; and related law and public policy. Students pursuing or who have completed the area of emphasis in forensic psychology have often completed externships in state and forensic psychiatric hospitals, correctional facilities, community-based programs for persons involved with the criminal legal system or with severe mental illness, organizations lending to child protection, and relevant services within Veterans Affairs Medical Centers or other types of hospitals, among other settings. These students have also often completed internships in these types of training settings.</p>
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Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology

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Programs & Degrees Offered: Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology Forensic Psychology Major Area of Study	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: The PhD Program in Clinical Psychology is one of only a few programs in the United States based in an academic healthcare system. The program takes advantage of its placement within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Feinberg School of Medicine by offering a true balance of research and clinical training. This unique setting provides opportunities for translational research and practice that span molecular to social models of disease, and epidemiologic to clinical and neuroimaging methodologies. The program consists of research, coursework and Practicum that can be completed in 5-6 years. All students take a core curriculum, supplemented by elective courses organized within Major Areas of Studies. A research qualifying paper, clinical qualifying exam, and dissertation are required. A 1-year clinical internship (residency) is also required. Students may receive a MS on their way to completing their PhD.	Tuition and Financial Assistance: All students in the Clinical Psychology PhD Program in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences receive a Research Assistant Scholarship or equivalent award that provides 100% tuition remission (or the equivalent) and a 12-month stipend (current stipend rates can be found here: https://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/funding/index.html). The tuition remission and monthly stipend are provided for 20 quarters, including four (4) academic years and four (4) summers, as well as a funding for a fifth (5th) academic year and summer as part of the fulltime clinical internship. Stipend funding for the internship year includes the stipend provided by the internship, as well as stipend support from the University that is necessary to bring the internship stipend up to the minimum stipend levels set by the graduate school, if necessary.
Student Applications: Applications received each year: 800 Offers extended each year: 4-8 Admissions Requirements: Applications materials include transcripts, three letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and a CV/resume. There are no minimum admission criteria, and we examine applications holistically. However, based on the competitive nature of the application process, students with GPAs of 3.5+, good fit with a faculty mentor, and strong research experience will be at an advantage. Strengths in one area may make up for weaknesses in another. Applicants should address their suitability for doctoral study in their personal statement.	Research: This is a scientist-practitioner program that equally balances research and clinical training. The program is mentor-based and students are expected to work with their research mentor(s) to conduct empirical research and present/publish that research in academic outlets appropriate to the field. It is also required that students submit a grant application (e.g., NRSA, NSF) during their training. Internship/Practicum: Students complete at least 3 Practicum at Northwestern and the surrounding Chicagoland area. For students interested in Forensic Psychology this can include intake assessments, providing brief individual and group therapy, shadowing forensic evaluators in interviews with examinees, conducting forensic assessments, and observing expert testimony in federal court. Students also complete an away, 1-year clinical internship (residency) during their 5 th or 6 th year in the program.

	<p>Employment of Department Graduates: Academic health care settings, children’s hospitals, VA medical centers.</p> <p>Additional Information: It is possible to concurrently enroll with the JD program at Northwestern. Students need to independently apply and be admitted to both programs. Information can be found here: https://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/admission/academic-programs/explore-programs/jdphd-combined-degree-program.html</p>
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Nova Southeastern University*

PhD in Clinical Psychology
Concentration in Forensic Psychology
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Program Website: <https://psychology.nova.edu/academics/doctoral/clinical-psychology/phd/index.html>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology concentration in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: The College of Psychology's two APA-accredited doctoral programs prepare future psychologists to serve the mental health needs of diverse populations, provide clients with effective treatment, and contribute to the advancement of the field through innovative research and professional clinical practice. Students are given the option to begin to specialize in recognized areas of psychology such as forensic psychology. This concentration emphasizes skills applicable in the criminal justice system, with issues in areas such as psychological autopsies and criminal profiling. The Ph.D. program is 118 credit hours and offered entirely on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus.	Tuition: Tuition changes each year. For the 2018-2019 academic year, the credit hour cost is \$1,110. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain Federal Work Study positions and Graduate Assistant positions. Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%.
Student Applications: On average NSU receives 120+ applicants per year, accepting an average of 8 students to the Ph.D. program. Acceptance to the Ph.D. program does not guarantee acceptance to the Forensic concentration. Admissions Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a Graduate GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale based on a minimum of 18 semester hours is required. In addition, three (3) semester hours of statistics and 18 semester hours in Psychology are required. • An overall GRE score of 297 or higher is preferred. If an applicant does not have 18 credits in psychology, a GRE psychology subject test score of 600 or higher will be acceptable. • 3 Letters of recommendation • Resume or Curriculum Vitae • 500-1000 word personal essay 	Research: Demonstrate competency in conducting independent research by completing and defending dissertation. In addition, at least one publication or presentation must be completed by September 1 of the year students apply for internship in order to be eligible to apply for internship. Internship/Practicum: 18 credit hours of practicum and a full-time, 2000-hour internship in the last year of the students programs. Employment of Department Graduates: Academic Teaching; Community Mental Health Center; Consortium; Correctional Facility; Health Maintenance Organization; Hospital/Medical Center; Independent Practice; Psychiatric Facility; School District or System; University Counseling Center; Other. Additional Information: None.

Ontario Tech University

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<p>Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD Forensic Psychology *Direct Entry PhD in Forensic Psychology</p>	<p>APA Accredited: No</p>
<p>Department Information: This program is housed in Ontario Tech University's Faculty of Social Science and Humanities. Number of full-time faculty: 8. The PhD in Forensic Psychology combines disciplinary and specialized study in Forensic Psychology, study in research methods and statistics, and applied learning experiences to prepare students to work in a variety of settings. Students may choose their supervisor from among the core faculty. (We recommend contacting individual faculty members to assess their interest in admitting students.) The program consists of 55 credits (40 research credits and 15 coursework credits) that can be completed in 4-5 years. A candidacy exam, comprehensive exam, and thesis are required.</p>	<p>Tuition: Full-time graduate tuition per year is \$ \$7,579.30 CAD (Canadian Domestic) or \$19,166.00 CAD (International)</p> <p>Financial Assistance: Minimum funding of \$18,000 CAD per year is guaranteed for 4 years. Minimum funding may be achieved through any one or more of, but is not limited to, the following: graduate research assistantships, teaching assistantships and/or research assistantships. Additional scholarships are available for domestic and international applicants.</p>
<p>Student Applications: On average receive 10-20 applications each year. 2-5 applicants are accepted each year. Program only enrolls full-time students.</p> <p>Admissions Requirements: Applications materials include transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a statement of academic intent, and a CV/resume. There is a minimum GPA requirement of 3.7. However, based on the competitive nature of the application process, students with GPAs of 4.0+, good fit with a faculty mentor, and strong research experience will be at an advantage. Strengths in one area may make up for weaknesses in another. Applicants should address their suitability for doctoral study in their personal statement. *Each year, a small number of undergraduate students may be admitted directly into the PhD program without a master's degree. This direct-entry option is for undergraduate students with exceptional academic performance throughout their bachelor's degree.</p>	<p>Research: This is a research-oriented program. Students are expected to conduct empirical research in Forensic psychology and then present / publish that research in academic outlets appropriate to the field.</p> <p>Internship/Practicum: No internships are required, although students may choose to complete a research practicum as part of their course requirements.</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: Tenure track academic positions, postdoctoral fellowships, senior research analyst positions with government (in Canada and the US), police, and in mental health facilities.</p>

Palo Alto University

PhD in Clinical Psychology with Forensic Emphasis
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Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology with forensic emphasis	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: University began with graduate programs in 1975, accredited by WASC since 1986, accredited by APA since 1988. Forensic program has been in existence over 15 years. Number of full-time faculty in forensic emphasis: 2. Number of part-time faculty: 2-4. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 5. Requires 168 credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are not required to complete a Master's thesis. Students must complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The time to completion of a degree including internship: 5.84. Graduating students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Cost per quarter for first three years: \$20,080 (regardless of number of credits); Cost per quarter for dissertation only: \$15774, Cost per quarter for internship year: \$4542. This includes tuition plus fees. Overall cost for completion of program: \$241,671. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships.
Student Applications: On average over the past two years, received 466 applications. Average of 190 applicants offered admission over past two years. Admissions Requirements: Must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution or the international equivalent. GRE scores are not required for admission to PAU doctoral degree programs Other criteria: GPA: no predetermined cutoffs; Number of recommendations: 3; recommend having related volunteer or work experience in mental health and/or research experience; program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree.	Research: Students present research at a regional or national conferences (percentage unknown). Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 3 years of Practicum to graduate. All students complete 1 year at campus clinic. For forensic emphasis, 1 practicum must be forensic. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Evaluative research, Treatment/Counseling position, and Research position Additional Information: None.

Sam Houston State University

PhD in Clinical Psychology
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Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: 25 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 8. Number of part-time faculty: 10. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 5. Requires 108 credits to graduate. Doctoral comprehensive examination required Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis (requirement can be waived with faculty approval for students coming with a thesis conducted as part of an MA degree). Students must complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. Median number of years for completion of a degree: 6. Graduating students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$741.85; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$49,170. Financial Assistance: Teaching and research assistantships Paid clinical placements Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100% Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100% Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: (\$20,000 stipend + \$4000.00 scholarship)/per year
Student Applications: On average receive 200+ applications each year. 7-8 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: GRE: Optional GPA: no minimum Number of recommendations: minimum of 2 (3 preferred) GRE Subject Test: Optional Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree.	Research: Students are required to present or publish research before graduation Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 18 credit hours of Practicum to graduate. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, and Treatment/ Counseling position. Additional Information: Formal mentor model program

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

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Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes. The program has been fully accredited by APA since 1961.
Department Information: Number of full-time faculty: 7. Number of part-time faculty: 1. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 2. Requires 129 (maximum) credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Students must also complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 6. Students are eligible for licensure in most US states after completing an APA accredited internship and supervised postdoctoral hours.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$717 (tuition waived, students pay fees); Average overall cost for completion of program: \$20,000. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$14,000 over 9 months with limited financial assistance available in the summer.
Student Applications: On average receive 90-100 applications each year. 7-8 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE Verbal, GRE Quantitative, GRE Analytical Writing all waived for the 2021 application cycle. Other criteria: GPA: 3.6 (mean); Number of recommendations: 3; GRE Subject Test is neither required nor recommended; Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree.	Research: 100% of students present research at a regional or national conferences in non-COVID years Internship/Practicum: Students are required to enroll in clinical practicum training continuously through the fall of their fourth year. Employment of Department Graduates: Hospital & Medical Centers, VAs, College Counseling Centers, Academic career, Private and Group Practice (Dr. Morgan's graduates are employed in state forensic hospitals and state and federal prisons) Additional Information: Practicum training occurs at the SIUC Clinical Center, with elective externship opportunities at the Marion VAMC, community mental health centers, Substance Abuse and other Rehabilitation Centers, State and Federal prisons, and a state psychiatric hospital.

Texas Tech University

PhD in Clinical Psychology
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Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: Number of full-time faculty who specialize in forensic/legal psychology: 2. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 2. Requires 129 (maximum) credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Students must also complete an empirical dissertation or a multi-paper dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 5.5. Students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$100; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$2,857. Financial Assistance: Students are guaranteed assistantships for 4 years, though all students currently receive assistantships after 4 years as well. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$15,200 over 9 months with additional financial assistance available in the summer.
Student Applications: On average receive 175 applications each year. 6-8 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE is not required. Other criteria: GPA: 3.6 (mean); Number of recommendations: 3; GRE Subject Test is neither required nor recommended; Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree.	Research: 100% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 16 credit hours of in-house Practicum to graduate. Students also accrue hours via external Practicum Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, and Treatment/Counseling position. Additional Information: Practicum opportunities include rotations at a community based probation clinic, residential treatment facility for probationers with co-morbid disorders, and a forensic mental health private practice.

University of Alabama

PhD in Clinical Psychology, Psychology-Law Concentration

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Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology, Psychology-Law Concentration	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: 66 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 18. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of psyc-law faculty: 3. Number of adjunct faculty who supervise clinical students at externship sites: 20. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 2. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 6.	Tuition: Students receive a tuition scholarship each academic year (fall and spring semester). They pay for 1 credit hour during the summer semester starting in their 2 nd year of the program. They get an out-of-state waiver so they only have to pay 1 credit hour at the in-state rate. Last summer, it was \$485 Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain teaching, research, and clinical assistantships. Percent of students receiving grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$22,356 minimum for 9 months, or \$2,484 per month during the academic year (fall and spring). Students typically receive around \$4,500 stipend for the summer, although funding is not guaranteed, and amount of funding may vary from year to year.
Student Applications: On average receive ~90 applications each year. 2-3 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE Total Score: no minimum and is optional for 2025 Other criteria: GPA: minimum 3.0 but successful candidates typically exceed this; Number of recommendations: 3.	Research: Each year ~82% of students present research at a regional or national conference and/or publish. Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 6 credit hours of Practicum for graduation. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Research position, Evaluative research, and Treatment/Counseling position. Additional Information: None.

University of California, Irvine

PhD in Psychological Science with Certificate of Concentration in Psychology and Law

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Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Psychological Science with Certificate of Concentration in Psychology and Law	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of full-time faculty: 30 • Number of part-time faculty: 0 • Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 10. • Students have the opportunity to take classes in an affiliated law school if they desire. • Required to complete a comprehensive examination to graduate from program. • Students must complete an empirical dissertation. • Program enrolls only full-time students. 	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$0 for PhD students Financial Assistance: PhD students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100% Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100% Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%
Student Applications: For the 2025 admissions cycle, 683 Ph.D. applications were received, 18 were accepted and 16 enrolled. Admissions Requirements: Scores: No minimum GRE requirements in the Department of Psychological Science (GRE was optional). Other criteria: Minimum 3.0 GPA; Number of recommendations: 3 (PhD); Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree and looks neutrally upon these students.	Research: 40% of students presented research at a regional or national conference in 2018-2019. Internship/Practicum: Not applicable. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Evaluative research, and Research position Additional Information: Additional details about our programs can be found at the following websites: http://psychlaw.socceco.uci.edu/for-students/concentration-in-psychology-and-law/ https://ps.socceco.uci.edu/pages/graduate-program

University of Florida

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<p>Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Criminology, Law and Society Concurrent enrollment with J.D. possible, but not formalized</p>	<p>APA Accredited: Yes</p>
<p>Department Information: Ph.D. program started in 2004. Number of full-time faculty: 9. Number of part-time faculty: 0. We currently have one faculty member who focuses specifically on psychology and law as their research areas and who teach classes specifically on these issues (Lora Levett). Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 2-3. Requires 90 credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Students must also complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 4-6. Students have the opportunity to take classes at an affiliated law school.</p>	<p>Tuition: Please see the website for tuition information: https://www.sfa.ufl.edu/cost/graduate-costs/</p> <p>Financial Assistance: Financial aid is guaranteed to all admitted graduate students through assistantships and fellowships. Assistantships require students to work a certain number of hours per week while fellowships require research or teaching only in some years. Both are awarded competitively. The department controls a number of assistantships that require tasks related to the teaching program. Students apply through the Department for teaching assistantships. Research assistantships are also available, funded by research grants. Percentage of students who obtain assistantships: 90%. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 10%. Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: varies. For more information, visit https://soccrim.clas.ufl.edu/graduate/criminology/academics/finance-funding/</p>
<p>Student Applications: On average receive 60 applications each year. 8-12 applicants are accepted each year.</p> <p>Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE Total Score: 305 (a minimum score of 157 on the verbal test and a minimum of 148 on the quantitative test); GRE Analytical Writing: 4.0. Students can still get accepted into the program based on other merit if their GRE score is not high enough</p> <p>Other criteria: GPA: 3.5; Number of recommendations: 3; GRE Subject Test is neither required nor recommended; Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree.</p>	<p>Research: The majority of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year.</p> <p>Internship/Practicum: N/A</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, and Research position</p> <p>Additional Information:</p>

University of Massachusetts, Lowell*

PhD in Applied Psychology and Prevention

University of Massachusetts Lowell

Department of Psychology

113 Wilder Street, Ste. 300

Lowell, MA 01854-3059

Telephone: (978) 934-3950

Program website: <https://www.uml.edu/fahss/psychology/programs/graduate/phd-apps/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Applied Psychology and Prevention	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: The doctoral degree in Applied Psychology and Prevention Science (APPS) at UMass Lowell is a psychology-based, research-intensive degree that was established in 2015. The program is led by an Executive Committee of 8 full-time faculty though other faculty can serve as potential advisers. The degree requires 42 credits as well as the completion of qualifying papers. Students will also be required to complete an empirical dissertation for which they will earn 12 of their required credits. Coursework should require approximately two years leaving an additional 2 years for completion of the qualifying papers and dissertation.	Tuition: Waived for students who receive full-time Teaching or Research Assistantships Financial Assistance: 80% of health insurance costs will also be covered for full-time teaching and research assistants
Student Applications: The APPS program will typically accommodate 6 – 8 student admissions each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: While applications are considered as a whole and there are no absolute minimum scores, desired Verbal and Quantitative GREs should be at or above the 50 th percentile Other criteria: GPA should be 3.75. Number of recommendations: 3	Research: Students will be expected to present research at regional and national conferences. Travel assistance will be available from the department and college. Internship/Practicum: None. Employment of Department Graduates: The recent creation of the APPS program precludes us from providing data on the careers our graduates have pursued, however, we anticipate our graduates to be particularly qualified for positions in academia, research administrations, government agencies, non-profit organizations, consulting firms, etc. Additional Information: At present, faculty with a forensic research focus investigate areas related to child maltreatment, eyewitness memory, violence against women, etc.

University of Nevada, Reno

Interdisciplinary Social Psychology PhD Program

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Program website: <https://www.unr.edu/social-psychology>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Social Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 58 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 16. Number of part-time faculty: 7. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law-related classes: 4 plus independent study. Requires 60 credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination (based on dissertation) to graduate from the program. Students are not required to complete a Master's thesis. Students must complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 4.5-6. M.A. in Sociology available to prepare for PhD. Focus on both psychological and sociological (Interdisciplinary) aspects.	Tuition: Refer to the website for tuition information. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to receive grants and stipends. Students also have the opportunity to receive both teaching and research assistantships. Some assistantships are at law-related research centers. The Program places a high priority and commitment to seeking and maintaining support for students. All students have been supported. Percent of students who receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in the program: \$2,150 per month plus all tuition and health insurance.
Student Applications: On average receive 40 applications each year. 5-8 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: Submission of GRE scores is optional. The Program uses a holistic assessment procedure; if submitted, the GRE is considered in tandem with all other materials and scores. Students' scores should be competitive enough for entry into a PhD program. Although a Masters is not required, about 80% of students have earned an Masters at UNR or elsewhere before starting the PhD program. Other criteria: GPA (minimum 3.0); Number of recommendations: 3; Prior research experience. Compatibility of research interests with prospective advisor; GRE Subject Test is neither required nor recommended; Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree.	Research: All students conduct research with their advisor. During a typical year, 90% of students present research at a regional or national conference. At the point of graduation, the majority of students are authors or co-authors of multiple peer-reviewed publications. Internship/Practicum: None required, though many students choose internships. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Evaluation research, Research position in public-serving organizations, Trial Consulting. Additional Information: The program is associated with the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies, and the National Judicial College. Advanced statistics and research methods classes available.

University of North Dakota-Clinical

Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology

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Program website: <https://und.edu/programs/clinical-psychology-phd/index.html>

<p>Programs & Degrees Offered: Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology</p>	<p>APA Accredited: Our program has been APA accredited since 1969</p>
<p>Department Information: This scientist-practitioner program is housed in UND's College of Arts and Sciences. The clinical program has enjoyed uninterrupted APA accreditation since 1969. We offer practicum experiences at forensically focused sites (e.g., prisons, private forensic practice), and our clinical students have been very successful in attaining APA-accredited internships. To date, no student has failed to complete the doctoral program because they were unable to secure an internship. Upon graduation, students are license-eligible after passing the required licensure examinations. 97% of our graduates in the last 10 years have secured a license.</p> <p>The program is a full-time program. It consists of 90 credits that can be completed in 4-6 years. A thesis, comprehensive exam, and dissertation are required. Students entering with a MA/MS may have the thesis and up to 30 credits waived (requires program review and approval).</p>	<p>Tuition: Tuition costs are typically waived for all our first year clinical psychology Ph.D. students. However, waivers do not cover the tuition fees. At least partial tuition waivers are offered in later years, and students can expect that 90-95% of all tuition costs will be waived.</p> <p>Financial Assistance: First year students are typically awarded ½-time (20 hrs/week) GTAs which pay about \$16,500 (9-month contract) for pre-Masters graduate students and \$19,998 (9month contract) for post-Masters students. Students entering with a BS/BA are also offered similar funding in year two. Otherwise, stipends come from paid clinical practicum.</p>
<p>Student Applications: Applications received each year: 50-100 Offers extended each year: 4-7</p> <p>Admissions Requirements: Applications materials include transcripts (undergraduate GPA >3.2), three letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and a CV/resume.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to identify at least 2 potential faculty advisors with whom they would like to work. Applicants may choose faculty advisors from among the 7 core clinical faculty or 11 associated psychology faculty in the Department of Psychology. We recommend reviewing the UND Psychology faculty website to learn which faculty are reviewing applications each admissions cycle. Students may also contact individual faculty members by email.</p>	<p>Research: Students are expected to conduct empirical research. Beyond an empirical thesis and dissertation, students must submit an empirical manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal as first author. They must also present an empirical poster or paper at a professional conference as first author.</p> <p>Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 3 years of practicum and a year-long, full-time predoctoral internship.</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: Private practice, government agencies, private industry, academia, forensic hospitals, state/federal prisons</p> <p>Additional Information: None.</p>

University of North Dakota-Experimental

PhD in Experimental Psychology with an emphasis on Psychology and Law

Department of Psychology

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University of North Dakota

Grand Forks, ND 58202-8380

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Director of Program: Adam Derenne, Ph.D.

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Program Website: <https://und.edu/programs/general-experimental-psychology-phd/index.html>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology; emphasis in Psychology and Law	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: Number of full-time faculty: 19; 11 are core faculty in the experimental psychology program, 7 of 19 are faculty in the psychology and law program. Number of part-time faculty: 0 Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 2 (Forensic Assessment, Psychology and Law) Students can participate in a teaching track to prepare them to teach their own courses while completing their graduate degree. Total of 90 credits required for the Ph.D. An empirical thesis and dissertation are required. Students must pass comprehensive exams before proposing their dissertation.	Tuition: Tuition is typically waived, but students pay fees of \$71 per credit. The nominal cost per credit is \$498 for in-state residents and \$748 for persons residing outside of North Dakota and Minnesota. State residency can be established by students' second year. Financial Assistance: 100% of students are offered a teaching assistantship during their first year. Most receive a teaching assistantship for 4-5 years; research assistantships or service assistantships may also be available.
Student Applications: On average receive 15-20 applications each year. Between 2-4 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: GPA: minimum 3.0 GRE scores are neither required nor considered. Number of recommendations: 3 Previous research experience is expected. Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree.	Research: Students are expected to be involved in their own and their mentor's research, present at conferences, and publish in peer-reviewed journals. Financial support is provided for research and travel expenses. Internship/Practicum: The program does not require or provide an internship or Practicum. Employment of Department Graduates: Academic career, government agencies, research positions in educational settings or the private sector. Additional Information: Small program with intensive mentorship from multiple faculty with expertise in psychology and law.

University of North Texas

PhD in Clinical Psychology

Department of Psychology

University of North Texas

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Denton, TX 76203-5017

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Program website: <https://psychology.unt.edu/graduate-programs/clinical-psychology>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: Continuously accredited in Clinical Psychology by the American Psychological Association since 1978 with 10 full-time faculty. In addition to passing a qualifying examination, 90 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree and a one-year supervised clinical internship are required. The elective forensic experience requires training in both forensic practice and research (2 courses and typically a 9-month forensic practicum). Both the thesis and dissertation projects are empirical and forensic in focus. Students are eligible for licensure as a psychologist following graduation.	Tuition: Students are provided scholarships that allow students be charged at resident tuition rates, regardless of resident status. Tuition and fees for 12 credit hours: \$6,409. Completion of the 90 required credit hours: \$48,068. Financial Assistance: In addition to receiving resident tuition rates, all students are funded via teaching or research assistantships for four years, including the first year. Students receive a stipend of \$18,178 . The department pays for at least 6 credit hours of tuition each semester during years 1-4 for all students. Additional years of stipends and tuition benefits are offered to select students of excellence.
Student Applications: On average, 350-450 applications are received annually. 7-9 applicants are enrolled annually. Admissions Requirements: Bachelor's or master's degree in psychology or a related field. Minimum 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA; Minimum 3.5 graduate GPA (if applicable). The maximum transfer credit for those with graduate coursework already completed is 30 credit hours.	Research: Richard Rogers, Ph.D. ABPP, is a board certified forensic psychologist and provides most of the research supervision (see https://psychology.unt.edu/people/richard-rogers.html) Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete forensic elective sequence, forensic research and a 1 year full-time clinical internship with rotations in clinical forensic psychology. Employment of Department Graduates: Forensic state hospitals, Federal Correctional Institutes, academic positions, private practice opportunities. Additional Information: None.

University of Texas at El Paso

PhD in Legal Psychology
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 University of Texas at El Paso
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Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Legal Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 27 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 4. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 7. Requires 60 credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Students must also complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 4.6. Please note that this program is not a Clinical Ph.D. program nor will it prepare students for clinical forensic work.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$428; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$33,349. Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students who receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students who receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students who receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$19,500 per nine-month appointment. In addition, eligible students receive tuition waiver for first 4 years in program; all students who are enrolled full time and employed by the university are eligible for in-state tuition.
Student Applications: On average receives 25-30 applications each year. 3-4 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: No minimum for GRE scores. Please consult program website for current information on whether GRE is required. Other criteria: GRE Subject Test is neither required nor recommended; program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree and looks favorably upon these students. Admissions decisions are based on a combination of factors, including scholastic ability and research experience.	Research: 100% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year. Internship/Practicum: Applied research Practicum is offered. Employment of Department Graduates: Academic career, Government agency, Private industry, Evaluative research, Research position, and Private Consulting. Additional Information: Approximately half of PhD graduates in Legal Psychology have earned employment in academic (faculty) positions and the other half are working in government or in business, usually with consulting firms.

University of Wyoming

PhD in Psychology with a Psychology & Law Emphasis

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University of Wyoming

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Program website: <https://www.uwyo.edu/psychology/doctoral-programs/law.html>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Psychology (emphasis in Psychology & Law)	APA Accredited: No
Department Information: 25 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 2 core faculty and 3 affiliated faculty. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes vary. Requires 72 credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Students must also complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 4–5. Students in the psychology and law program are not eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$271; Average overall cost for completion of program: 0 – all students are funded for 4–5 years. Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$21,762 stipend, tuition remission, and health care
Student Applications: On average receive 45 applications each year. 1–2 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: GREs are not required. Qualified students will engage in a semi-structured interview to determine fit for the program. Other criteria: Research experience; GPA: 3.3; Number of recommendations: 3; Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree.	Research: 100% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship/Practicum: Students do not have the opportunity to gain Practicum experience Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, and Research positions Additional Information: Small program with intense mentorship.

West Virginia University

PhD in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in legal/forensic psychology

Department of Psychology

West Virginia University

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Program website: <https://psychology.wvu.edu/students/current-graduate-students/ph-d-in-psychology-clinical-psychology>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PhD in Clinical Psychology with emphasis in legal/forensic	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: 58 years APA-accredited. Number of full-time faculty: 8. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Students are also able to take classes in an affiliated law school. No credit limit for graduation; plans of study are individualized. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Students must also complete an empirical dissertation. Students do not have the choice to choose between a thesis or practica track. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 5.2. Graduating students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Tuition is waived. Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: approximately \$22,000-27,000, tuition remission, and health care
Student Applications: On average receive 175 applications each year. 5-9 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: Some psychology coursework. GRE is not required nor accepted. Other criteria: GPA: 3.0; Number of recommendations: 3; program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree.	Research: 66% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship/Practica: Students are required to complete 18 credit hours of practica for graduation. Employment of Department Graduates: 30% Academic career, 30% Research position, 30% Treatment/counseling, 10% Government agency Additional Information: Child and adult forensic opportunities are available. Practicum settings include a Federal minimum security prison, a state correctional facility, a child advocacy center, and a private practice in forensic psychology. New sites are on the horizon. Several faculty members have active research topics related to forensic psychology.

PSY.D. PROGRAMS

*Program information was last updated in 2023.

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

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Program website: <https://www.thechicagoschool.edu/programs/psychology/clinical-forensic-psychology/psyd/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PsyD in Clinical Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: No; <u>but license eligible in California</u> and other states
Department Information: Number of years in operation: 16 (as of 2025) Number of full-time faculty: 6 Number of part-time faculty: 0 Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 25+ Requires 105 credits to graduate; Requires minimum of 4 years to complete program; Enrolls only full-time students Students are required to complete an empirical dissertation. Program is conducted in a blended modality where courses meet every other weekend on-campus and complete asynchronous activities on other weeks. (66% in person, 33% asynchronous) Embedded MA Applied Forensic Psychology degree available to students after completing some coursework (not license eligible)	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1,815 in 2025. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain various forms of support to fund their education, in addition to state and federal financial aid assistance. The Chicago School offers scholarships, special tuition rates, fellowships, and Federal/College Work Study employment. Further information on how to students can finance their education can be found here . https://www.thechicagoschool.edu/admissions/financing-your-education/
Student Applications: Offer= approx. 70% Admissions Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, 3.0 GPA from undergrad and/or graduate school • Undergraduate degree from an accredited institution • Admissions essay • 3 letters of recommendation • Prerequisite coursework: 15 credit hours of psychology (or related field), a course in Abnormal Psychology, and a course in Statistics • GRE is not required • Admissions interview (if offered) 	Research: 20-25% of students have presented research at a regional or national conference. Internship/Practicum: 12 credit hours of Practicum (6 credits of Basic Practicum and 6 credits of Intermediate Practicum) and 3 credit hours of internship required. Employment of Department Graduates: Correctional settings; Psychiatric hospitals; Academia; Public Sector; Private Practice (i.e. psychological evaluations: sex offenders, child custody, competency, jury consulting, expert testimony); Courts; Other State and County positions; Non-federal positions. Additional Information:

		<p>Students must complete an empirical dissertation in order to move on to pre-doctoral internship. Graduates are license eligible in California. Although the department chair will assist, students are responsible for noting requirements in other states.</p>
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Florida Institute of Technology

PsyD in Clinical Psychology, Forensic Emphasis Area
Florida Institute of Technology School of Psychology

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Programs & Degrees Offered: PsyD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: The program has been accredited since 1983. Number of full-time faculty: 9. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Two of the core faculties have extensive forensic backgrounds. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 4. The program requires 123 credits to graduate. Students are required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from the program. Students must complete a Clinical Proficiency exam. Students must also complete a Doctoral Research Project, similar to a dissertation. The number of years required for completion of a degree: 5. Graduating students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Cost per credit: flat rate tuition \$32,271.00/year, until internship \$8489.00/year; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$126,816.00. Financial Assistance: Percent of students receive grants, stipends, or assistantships: 50-70%. Most assistantships are teaching or research assistantships. Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 40%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: Unknown. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$3,000 per year.
Student Applications: On average we receive around 200 applications each year. Approximately 20 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Psychology GPA: median 3.73; GRE is required; Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree. Applicants with prior graduate credit from another program may transfer in no more than 18 credits.	Research: There are multiple faculty research teams providing opportunities to present and publish. Internship/Practicum: Students are required to take a minimum of 16 total credits of Practicum (800 total hours of supervised work). Forensic placements include a court assessment team, forensic psychiatric hospital, a state prison, and inpatient psychiatric facilities. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agencies such as prisons, VA hospitals, and forensic psychiatric hospitals, as well as forensic evaluation private practices are common. Additional Information: All program students may take courses in any emphasis area (if they have taken the prerequisite and the course has adequate seats). Students do not need to apply for admission to a specific track. Graduates in the forensic emphasis have had success in securing their top-ranked forensic APA-accredited internships and forensic post-doctoral positions.

Nova Southeastern University*

Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology
Concentration in Forensic Psychology
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Program website: <https://psychology.nova.edu/academics/doctoral/clinical-psychology/psyd/index.html>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Psy.D in Clinical Psychology, Concentration in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: The College of Psychology's two APA-accredited doctoral programs prepare future psychologists to serve the mental health needs of diverse populations, provide clients with effective treatment, and contribute to the advancement of the field through innovative research and professional clinical practice. Students are given the option to begin to specialize in recognized areas of psychology such as forensic psychology. This concentration emphasizes skills applicable in the criminal justice system, with issues in areas such as psychological autopsies and criminal profiling. The Psy.D. program is 119 credit hours and offered entirely on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus.	Tuition: Tuition changes each year. For the 2018-2019 academic year, the credit hour cost is \$1,110. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain Federal Work Study positions and Graduate Assistant positions. Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%.
Student Applications: On average NSU receives 300+ applicants per year, accepting an average of 85. Acceptance to the Psy.D. program does not guarantee acceptance to the Forensic concentration. Admissions Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a Graduate GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale based on a minimum of 18 semester hours is required. In addition, three (3) semester hours of a statistics and 18 semester hours in Psychology are required. • An overall GRE score of 297 or higher is preferred.. If an applicant does not have 18 credits in psychology, a GRE psychology subject test score of 600 or higher will be acceptable. • 3 Letters of recommendation • Resume or Curriculum Vitae • 500-1000 word personal essay 	Research: Students are expected to successfully complete a capstone research project called the Directed Study. Students are also required to complete a research dissemination project prior to applying for internship. Internship/Practicum: 18 credit hours of practicum and a full-time, 2000-hour internship in the last year of the students program. Employment of Department Graduates: Academic Teaching; Community Mental Health Center; Consortium; Correctional Facility; Health Maintenance Organization; Hospital/Medical Center; Independent Practice; Psychiatric Facility; School District or System; University Counseling Center; Other. Additional Information: None.

Spalding University

PsyD in Clinical Psychology

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Programs & Degrees Offered: PsyD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: Number of full-time faculty: 1. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 4. Requires 120 credits to graduate. Students are required to complete an empirical dissertation project. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 5. Graduating students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1065; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$127,800 Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain research assistantships. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 60%; Percent of students that receive assistantships: 25%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 60%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 40%.
Student Applications: On average receive 250 applications each year for the general program with 24 applying to the Forensic Emphasis Area. 44 applicants are accepted each year for the general program with 8-10 of those accepted to the Forensic Area Emphasis. Admissions Requirements: GPA criteria: 3.5.	Research: 40% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship/Practicum: Students have to complete 24 credit hours of Practicum in order to graduate. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, and Treatment/Counseling position Additional Information: A strong clinical foundation, scholar practitioner model of training. FEA exposes students to the broad definition of Forensic Psychology and opportunity to practice in a variety of forensic settings.

University of Denver

PsyD in Clinical Psychology

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Programs & Degrees Offered: PsyD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: 50 years in Existence. Number of full-time faculty: 13. Number of part-time faculty: 3 core, 5 adjunct. All classes for the forensic specialty are forensic/psychology and law related classes. PsyD requires 135 credits to graduate. Students are required to complete a competency exam, a doctoral paper, and a doctoral internship in order to graduate. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of the PsyD degree: 4.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1397; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$190,000 (PsyD). Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain teaching and clinic assistantships and grants and stipends. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: Psy.D.:7-30%. Percent of students who receive assistantships: Psy.D.:30%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 50-65%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 35-60%. Additional monies available for work study, student employment, and grant funding on research projects.
Student Applications: On average, the PsyD program receives 800-900 applications each year. 35 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Application • GPA: Applicants for the PsyD program must meet a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.2 to be considered for admission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This requirement may be substituted by a 3.5 cumulative graduate GPA for those with an earned master's degree in psychology or a related field. • Applicants with a cumulative undergraduate GPA below a 3.2, who have some graduate-level courses completed in psychology or a related field but not an earned master's degree, should contact GSPP admissions to determine eligibility before applying to our program. • A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or higher is strongly encouraged. <p>Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 2-3, Essay, Resume or CV</p>	Research: 20-30% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship/Practicum: Each year, prior to the internship year, students are required to be in a community field placement for a minimum of 8 hours per week and must meet or exceed a minimum total of 384-hours per year (i.e., 8 hrs. minimum X 48 weeks per year). All students are expected to work in their first year in the Professional Psychology Clinic (PPC), and will see a minimum of 5-8 clients. Students also complete Practicum in their advanced years, during which they can seek placement at forensic treatment or assessment sites. The GSPP also requires that all students attend a yearlong clinical internship for completion of the PsyD. GSPP offers an exclusively affiliated internship consortium that is APA accredited. Students may apply to sites outside the consortium as well through the national APPIC Match, either locally or nationally. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Research position and Treatment/Counseling position. Additional Information: Students have the opportunity to engage in forensic coursework and clinical forensic work through our master's

		<p>program as well as our doctoral program (through a year-long forensic seminar). Doctoral students also see forensic clients through our institute, Denver FIRST (Forensic Institute for Research, Service and Training). These legally involved clients have been court referred for treatment and/or assessment. We also have forensic sites available through our exclusively affiliated, APA accredited consortium internship. Through Denver FIRST, students are engaged in clinical services, consultation and training, and research/program evaluation.</p>
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Widener University

Clinical PsyD with a concentration in Forensic Psychology; PsyD/Masters in Criminal Justice joint degree

Graduate Training Program

Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology & School of Law

One University Place

Chester, PA 19013-5792

Program website: <https://www.widener.edu/academics/graduate-studies/clinical-psychology-psyd>;

<https://www.widener.edu/academics/graduate-studies/psychology-criminal-justice-dual-degree>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PsyD in Clinical Psychology PsyD in Clinical Psychology and Masters in Criminal Justice (joint degree)	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: 50 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 11 in psychology. Requires 120 credits in psychology. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students must complete a dissertation. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 5. Graduating students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Approximate Cost per year: \$41,220 Approximate Additional Cost with Masters in Criminal Justice: Additional \$860 per year Average overall cost for completion of program: \$170,100 Financial Assistance: Students do not have the opportunity to obtain assistantships.
Student Applications: On average, we receive 450 applications each year. 35 student make up each incoming class. Admissions Requirements: GPA: Minimum 3.0, Competitive 3.5 or higher; Number of recommendations: 3; Program looks favorably upon students who have already received their Master's degree.	Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete two days per week of practicum for years two and three, and three days a week of internship for the last two years. Employment of Department Graduates: Treatment/counseling positions, correctional facilities, counseling centers, community mental health center, inpatient mental health facilities, schools, private practice Additional Information: See website for additional information

William James College

PsyD in Clinical Psychology with Forensic Psychology Concentration

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Program website: <https://www.williamjames.edu/academics/concentrations/forensic-psychology.html>

Programs & Degrees Offered: PsyD in Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: The Clinical Department has been in existence since 1974, and the forensic concentration began in 2001. Number of full-time faculty: 35. Number of part-time faculty: 8. Six of the 35 full-time and two of the eight part-time faculty have extensive forensic backgrounds. Specialized forensic/psychology and law-related classes are offered. Students are not able to take classes in an affiliated law school. Total credits needed for graduation: 134. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are not required to complete a master's thesis. However, students are awarded a master's degree at the completion of the equivalent of both two years of full-time study and two years of Practicum. Students must also complete a doctoral project similar to a dissertation. Students do not have the choice to choose between a thesis or practicum track. Program enrolls full-time students only. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 5. Students must complete 134 credits for graduation. Graduating students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1,770. Average Student Service fee is \$1,100 per year. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain teaching assistantships and to receive grants, scholarships, or stipends. Each year, William James College awards over \$1.8 million to students in the form of direct grants, on-campus employment and teaching assistantships. William James College is a proud participant in the Veteran's Administration Yellow Ribbon Program and provides matching grant assistance to eligible veterans. The college also offers select scholarships for students seeking to meet the needs of underserved populations.
Student Applications: On average, the PsyD program receives 400+ applications each year, and 100 students enroll. Approximately 12 students declare the Forensic Concentration each year. Admissions Requirements: The GRE is optional. Scores: GRE Total Score: 305, GRE Verbal: 155, GRE Quantitative: 150, GRE Writing: 4; Students have the opportunity to be accepted into the program based on other merit if GRE score is not high enough. Other criteria: GPA: 3.0; Number of recommendations: 3; GRE Subject Test is neither required nor recommended; Program accepts students who have already received their master's degree. Prerequisite Courses: <i>Must be completed before enrollment:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Psychology • Abnormal Psychology AND two out of the following six courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental Psychology • Social Psychology 	Research: Students are expected to complete a doctoral project, which has a dissemination requirement. There are also multiple faculty research teams providing opportunities for students to present and publish. Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete a total of 3400 hours of Practicum for graduation: Year 1 (640 hrs) and Year 2 (800 hrs) of Practicum. Years 3 and 4 are advanced Practicum (2000 hrs). Employment of Department Graduates: Government agencies (e.g., prisons, VA hospitals, forensic psychiatric hospitals), academia, private industry, private practice, courts/court clinics, evaluative research, treatment/counseling positions. Additional Information: Students apply to the forensic psychology concentration during their second year of full-time clinical doctoral training. Those admitted to the forensic psychology concentration program complete specialty forensic coursework, one full-year

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personality Theories • Behavioral Statistics • Tests and Measurements • Physiological Psychology 	<p>advanced practicum in either an adult or child/adolescent forensic setting, and a forensic doctoral project. The forensic concentration prepares the student with specialized clinical training designed to meet the unique challenges of working in the forensic arena. Through coursework, mentoring, field education, and other training opportunities, graduates in the forensic psychology concentration have enjoyed a high degree of success in securing forensic APA-accredited internships and forensic post-doctoral positions.</p>
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JOINT PROGRAMS

*Program information was last updated in 2023.

Cornell University

Joint JD/PhD Degree
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Program website: <https://psychology.cornell.edu/phd-jd-developmental-psych-law>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Joint JD/PhD	APA Accredited: No
Department Information: Established in 2011. Number of full-time faculty: 10. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 26. Requires approximately 167 credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Students must also complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 6. Graduating students are eligible for licensure.	Tuition: A student who is admitted to this program will have 3.5 years of Department of Psychology support guaranteed, and spend 2.5 years in Cornell Law School where support is possible, but not guaranteed. Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 25%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program can be found here: https://gradschool.cornell.edu/financial-support/stipend-rates/ .
Student Applications: On average receive 100+ applications each year. 5-8 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE Total Score: 1200; GRE Verbal: 600; GRE Quantitative: 600; GRE Analytical Writing: 4; LSAT: 120-180. Students can still get accepted into the program based on other merit if their GRE score is not high enough Other criteria: GPA: NA; Number of recommendations: 2; GRE Subject Test is required; Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree and looks favorably upon these students.	Research: Students have the opportunity to gain Practicum research experience, and are required to complete a research-based master's thesis and doctoral dissertation. Internship/Practicum: Students have the opportunity to gain Practicum experience. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Research position, and Evaluative research. Additional Information: None.

Drexel University

Joint JD/PhD Program in Law and Clinical Psychology
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 Program website: https://drexel.edu/law/academics/dual-degrees/JD-PhD_law_psych/

Programs & Degrees Offered: Joint JD/PhD Program in Law and Clinical Psychology	APA Accredited: Yes ABA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: 40 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 3. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic psychology/psychology and law related classes: 8. Students take classes in Drexel's law school and psychology department. Requires 85 credits in law and 91 credits in psychology to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis and an empirical doctoral dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of both degrees: 6-7. Graduating students are eligible for licensure as a psychologist and attorney.	Tuition: Average overall cost for completion of program: Tuition waived. Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students that receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$23,100 (annual stipend).
Student Applications: On average receive 30 applications each year; 1 or 2 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE Total Score: no minimum required but prefer 315+. LSAT: 161+ Other criteria: GPA: 3.5 recommended; Number of recommendations: 3; GRE Subject Test is recommended Program accepts students with or without a Master's degree.	Research: 100% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year. Internship/Practicum: Students complete 3-4 years of clinical Practicum. Employment of Department Graduates: Academic career at university, college, or medical school; policy institute; government agency; non-profit research position; hospital; general clinical practice; law practice; and specialized forensic practice. Additional Information: None.

Simon Fraser University

MA-PhD in Clinical and Forensic Psychology
MA-PhD in Experimental and Forensic Psychology

Department of Psychology

Simon Fraser University

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Program website: <https://www.sfu.ca/psychology/about/areas-of-study/law---forensic-psychology.html>

<p>Programs & Degrees Offered: Ph.D. Experimental Forensic Psychology Master's in Experimental Forensic Psychology Ph.D. Clinical Forensic Psychology Master's Degree in Clinical Forensic Psychology</p>	<p>APA Accredited: No – accredited by Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)</p>
<p>Department Information: 25 years in Existence. Number of full-time faculty: 6. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 6 are required, 12+ are offered. Students are required to complete an empirical dissertation. Applicants who have already completed their Master's thesis may be accepted for doctoral study. Students are also required to complete comprehensive exams in order to graduate. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of the clinical-forensic track: 6-8. The median number of years required for completion of the experimental-forensic track: 6. Psychology program is accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA). Graduating students are eligible for licensure.</p>	<p>Tuition: This program does not charge tuition by the credit, instead flat rate tuition is \$6,500 a year; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$39,000-\$52,000 depending on if it is the clinical or the experimental track. Tuition for domestic and international students is the same.</p> <p>Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain research and teaching assistantships. The vast majority of students receive assistantships in both clinical-forensic and experiment-forensic tracks. All students have the opportunity to receive grants and stipends. Most students receive assistantships in both clinical-forensic and experiment-forensic tracks.; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: unknown.</p>
<p>Student Applications: On average, the clinical-forensic track receives 60 applicants each year and accepts 2. On average, the experimental-forensic track receives 25 applicants each year and accepts 2.</p> <p>Admissions Requirements: Scores: This program has temporarily suspended the requirement of GRE test results.</p> <p>Other criteria: GPA: 3.0. Number of recommendations: 3.</p>	<p>Research: 90% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year</p> <p>Internship/Practicum: Students have to complete 39 credit hours of Practicum to graduate from the clinical-forensic track, and 3 credit hours of Practicum from the experimental-forensic track.</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Evaluative Research, Research position, Treatment/Counseling position, and Law.</p> <p>Additional Information: Students may be accepted with an MA into doctoral study, or have certain MA-level requirements waived. There are 4 areas of study with two main emphases: Clinical or Experimental. The MA is not expected to be terminal, but as part of the doctoral study. Candidates may contact the Director of the SFU Law and Forensic Psychology Program for more details about the joint degree with UBC</p>

University of California, Irvine

Joint JD/PHD in Law and Psychology
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Program website: <https://psychlaw.sococo.uci.edu/for-students/graduate-programs/jdphd-program/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Joint JD/PhD in Law and Psychology and Psychological Science	APA Accredited: Yes
Department Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of full-time faculty: 60 (Law), 30 (Ph.D.). • Number of part-time faculty: 73(Law), 0 (Ph.D.) • Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 10. • Students have the opportunity to take classes in an affiliated law school if they desire. Requires 68 credits (Law) to graduate. • Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. • Students must complete an empirical dissertation. • Program enrolls only full-time students. • The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 7 (JD/Ph.D.). • Students are eligible to practice law upon taking the bar. Students must apply to both programs to attain both a Ph.D. and JD. 	Tuition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average overall tuition for completion: \$0 for Ph.D.; \$61,208 - California resident. \$73,453 - Non-resident for Law Financial Assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. • Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100% (Ph.D.) • Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100% (Ph.D.) • Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100% (Ph.D. if within normative time to degree)
Student Applications: For the 2025 admissions cycle, 3720 JD applications were received, 189 enrolled. Also, 683 Ph.D. applications were received, 18 were accepted and 16 enrolled. Admissions Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum GRE score PhD – none • Minimum LSAT score - unknown • Average 2018 GRE scores PhD program - Verbal averaged 157.1; Quantitative averaged 155.8; Analytical averaged 4.5 (These may be old data) The GRE Psychology subject test is neither required nor recommended. • Average JD program LSAT scores – Median LSAT score for the Fall 2025 cohort was 169 and the median GPA was 3.8 Other criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 3.0 GPA • Number of recommendations: 3 (PhD), 2 (Law) • Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree and looks neutrally upon these students. 	Internship/Practicum: Students enrolled in the JD/PhD program are required to complete 4 credits of Practicum. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Evaluative research, and Research position Additional Information: Additional details about our programs can be found at the following websites: http://psychlaw.sococo.uci.edu/for-students/jdphd-program/

University of Minnesota

Joint JD/PhD Program
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 Program website: <https://cla.umn.edu/psychology/graduate>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Joint JD/PhD	APA Accredited: Yes, for the Clinical Science and Psychopathology Research Program (CSPR) and Counseling Psychology areas of specialization. Other areas of specialization are not APA accredited.
Department Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Program: two independent programs that can be customized into a joint degree program. 40+ years in existence. Full-time, residential program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of full-time faculty: 4-5 Eugene Borgida, PhD (Psychology) Assistant Dean of the Law School Area Director in the student's area of specialization in Psychology Student's advisor(s) Number of part-time faculty: 0 Credits required to graduate varies based on area of specialization in Psychology. Required to complete a comprehensive examination to graduate from the program. Students in some areas of specialization are required to complete a Master's thesis. All students must complete an empirical dissertation. Median number of years required for completion of a degree: 6, varies by area of specialization in Psychology. Students have the opportunity to take classes at an affiliated law school. 	Tuition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychology: Psychology (UMN Graduate School tuition) Law School: UMN Law Tuition (2025-2026) Financial Assistance: Visit Psychology's Funding Opportunities page for detailed information and current pay rate for graduate assistantships.
Application statistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychology: Review Psychology admissions statistics provided by the Graduate School. Note: admission rates vary among areas of specialization in Psychology. Law School: Minnesota Law by the Numbers Admissions Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Psychology's Admissions Guidelines, How to Apply page, and Application Checklist. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRE score requirements vary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admit average scores (percentile; 2019-2025) 	Research: The majority of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative: 76 • Verbal: 88 ▪ GRE Psychology Subject Test scores: optional, but recommended • See the Law School's How to Apply page for admissions guidelines & application components. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law School: Law firms, judicial, public interest, government, industry, education/academic <p>Additional Information: None.</p>
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University of Nebraska-Lincoln JD/PhD

Joint JD/PhD Degree
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 Program website: <https://lawpsychology.unl.edu/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Joint JD/PhD	APA Accredited: Yes (for students also in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program)
Department Information: 51 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 9. Number of affiliated faculty: 7. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's research project. Students must also complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of both degrees: 7. Graduating students are eligible for licensure in law; Students who complete the Ph.D. in Clinical are eligible for licensure in psychology.	Tuition: Average overall cost for completion of program: tuition waived for students admitted to the doctoral program. First year of Law College tuition for J.D. is not automatically covered, though scholarships available. Financial Assistance: Students obtain teaching, research, or clinical assistantships. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final full-time year on campus: 100%.
Student Applications: On average receive 20 applications each year. One to three Law-Psychology applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Applications require transcripts, three letters of recommendation, a vita or resume, and a personal statement. Good fit with a faculty mentor is expected, and strong research experience is common among successful applicants. LSAT is expected for J.D. applicants. Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree. GRE is not required. GRE Subject Test is recommended if not a psychology major. Applications are reviewed holistically and there are no minimum admission criteria or cutoffs.	Research: All students are expected to conduct law-psychology research and present and publish their work. Internship/Practicum: Students have the opportunity to gain practicum experience; all students also in the Clinical Ph.D. program are required to complete Practicum and internship. Employment of Department Graduates: Alumni work in academia, research institutes, government agencies, policy organizations, jury/trial consulting, forensic settings, and other clinical and research contexts. Additional Information: Students in Law-Psychology apply to earn the Ph.D. in one of the Department's graduate programs: Clinical, Development, Social and Cognitive, or Neuroscience and Behavior.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln PhD/MLS

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 Program website: <https://lawpsychology.unl.edu/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Joint PhD/MLS	APA Accredited: Yes (for students also in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program)
Department Information: 51 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 9. Number of affiliated faculty: 7. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's research project. Students must also complete an empirical dissertation. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of both degrees: 5. Students who complete the Ph.D. in Clinical are eligible for licensure in psychology.	Tuition: Average overall cost for completion of program: tuition waived for students admitted to the doctoral program. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain both teaching and research assistantships. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year on campus: 100%.
Student Applications: On average receive 20 applications each year. One to three Law-Psychology applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Applications require transcripts, three letters of recommendation, a vita or resume, and a personal statement. Good fit with a faculty mentor is expected, and strong research experience is common among successful applicants. Program accepts students who have already received their Master's degree. GRE is not required. GRE Subject Test is recommended if not a psychology major. Applications are reviewed holistically and there are no minimum admission criteria or cutoffs.	Research: All students are expected to conduct law-psychology research and present and publish their work. Internship/Practicum: Students have the opportunity to gain practicum experience; all students also in the Clinical Ph.D. program are required to complete Practicum and internship. Employment of Department Graduates: Alumni work in academia, research institutes, government agencies, policy organizations, jury/trial consulting, forensic settings, and other clinical and research contexts. Additional Information: Students in Law-Psychology apply to earn the Ph.D. in one of the Department's graduate programs: Clinical, Development, Social and Cognitive, or Neuroscience and Behavior.

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

*Program information was last updated in 2023.

Adler School of Professional Psychology*

Master's in Forensic Mental Health Leadership

Adler School of Professional Psychology

17 N. Dearborn Street

Chicago, IL 60602

Program website: <https://www.adler.edu/program/forensic-mental-health-leadership-chicago/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: MA in Forensic Mental Health Leadership	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 4 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 3. Number of part-time faculty: 7. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 7. Requires 63 credits to graduate. Required to complete CPCE, a comprehensive written examination, and oral case presentation to graduate from program. Students are not required to complete a Master's thesis. Students must complete an empirical dissertation, unless students are seeking license eligibility in Canada. Program enrolls full and part-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2. Psychology program aligns with the CACREP standards, but is not accredited as a CACREP program. Students are eligible for licensure after graduation.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1,040; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$65,520. Financial Assistance: Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 25%; Assistantships are not available; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 95%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 95%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program per year: \$5,000 or \$10,000 in scholarships plus federal aid.
Student Applications: On average receive 90 applications each year. 24 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE Total Score: NA. Other criteria: GPA: 3.0; Number of recommendations: 3; GRE Subject Test is neither recommended nor required.	Research: Students did not present at regional or national conferences last year Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 8 credit hours of Practicum to graduate. 700-1,000 hours required in second year. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Private industry, and Treatment/Counseling position. Additional Information: 1/3 of the graduates of each cohort have gone on to doctoral programs (PsyD & PhD). All professors core and adjunct, maintain an on-going clinical practice in the forensic psychology field as required by the institution.

American International College*

Master's in Forensic Psychology
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Program website: <https://www.aic.edu/school-of-business-arts-and-sciences/program/forensic-psychology/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 15 years in Existence. Number of full-time faculty: 3 Number of part-time faculty: 5. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 12. Requires 36 credits to graduate. Students are not required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Program enrolls both full-time and part-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1010 Financial Assistance: Most of our full-time graduate students receive some form of financial aid or grants. AIC has a limited number of graduate assistantships available. To learn more about graduate assistantship opportunities at AIC, please contact our financial aid office.
Student Applications: On average receive 30+ applications each year. On average of 15 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: This program does not require the GRE. Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 2. GPA: 2.75	Research: 10% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship: Students have to complete 200 hours of internship in order to graduate. Employment of Department Graduates: Criminal Justice, Prevention and Intervention, Government agency, Private industry, Research position and Treatment/Counseling position Additional Information: Graduating students have an 80% acceptance rate in consequent education such as doctorates in psychology, criminal justice and law schools.

Arizona State University

M.S. programs in Psychology and Forensic Psychology

Arizona State University

Phoenix, AZ 85069

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Director of Master of Science, Forensic Psychology (online): Andrea Arndorfer

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<https://forensics.asu.edu/forensic-psychology-ms>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master of Science, Psychology (on-campus) Master of Science, Forensic Psychology (online)	APA Accredited: No (N/A)
Department Information: These programs are housed in ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences – one of four units at ASU that offer psychology programs. Program faculty are a part of ASU's Psychology Programs and/or Law and Behavioral Science Initiative – a collection of faculty who work at the intersection of law and psychology. The on-campus MS program in Psychology is a research-oriented mentor-based program. Students interested in legal/forensic topics can select relevant law-psych faculty as their mentor. The program is 36 credits and taken over two years of full-time study. The online MS program in Forensic Psychology is designed for working individuals who want to obtain a deeper knowledge of forensic psychology for career advancement. This program is 33 credits that can be completed in 12-15 months of accelerated study. It is a coursework-based program that does not lead to licensure. A capstone course/exam is required.	Tuition: ON CAMPUS: \$12,940 (resident) or \$27,810 (nonresident). ONLINE: \$10,890 regardless of residency. Financial Assistance: <i>On-campus</i> MS students are eligible for CA (course assistant) positions that provide \$5,000 - \$7,000 per semester depending on the assignment. Most students interested in CA positions are able to secure one. Additionally, all applicants are automatically considered for a limited number of scholarships and fellowships <i>Online</i> MS students are eligible for federal financial aid. A small number of advanced students may be selected for course assistant positions that provide a stipend of approximately \$2,500-\$7,000 per semester depending on the assignment.
Student Applications: On-Campus: 60-90 applicants / 20 admitted each year. Online: 680-780 / 640-690 admitted each year. Admissions Requirements: On campus: Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 in an applicable master's degree program. Priority is given to applicants who have achieved a 3.25 GPA or higher. GRE is not required. Statement of purpose, official transcripts, two letters of recommendation (preferably from faculty members), and proof of English proficiency is required. No minimum requirements. Admitted students have an average GPA of 3.5, GRE of 303, good letters of recommendation, and a	Research: The on-campus MS program is research focused. Students are expected to engage in research under the mentorship of a faculty member. A thesis or applied project is required. Internship/Practicum: No internships are required. On-campus students may participate in ASU's general internship program. Employment of Department Graduates: Graduates of the MS program typically seek admission to PhD programs. Alternative career paths have included research and policy analysis positions in government and non-profits. Additional Information: None.

<p>personal statement that describes a research fit with a chosen mentor.</p> <p>Online: Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 in an applicable master's degree program. GRE is not required. Statement of purpose, official transcripts, one letter of recommendation (preferably from a faculty member), and proof of English proficiency is required.</p>		
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California State University

Master's in Forensic Psychology
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 California State University, Los Angeles
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[Program Website](#)

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 25 years in Existence. Number of full-time faculty: 4 Number of part-time faculty: 4-6. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 3. Requires 52 credits to graduate. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$147; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$11,669 Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain grants, stipends, teaching assistant positions; 33% of students receive grants or stipends; Percent of students receive funding while enrolled in first year: 90%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 90%.
Student Applications: On average receive 200 applications each year. 4-6 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: This program does not require the GRE. Students may be accepted on merit if they hold low GRE scores. Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 3. GPA: 3.0	Research: A major component of the program is research mentorship, as all accepted students are paired with a research faculty member whose work is focused on issues related to psychology and law. Most of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year. Internship/Practicum: Students have to complete 12 hours of Practicum in order to graduate. In students' second year, they complete a 9 month Practicum at the jail, jury consulting firms, parole, probation, assessment and treatment with forensic populations, and research settings affiliated with court and the police department. Employment of Department Graduates: Research position, jury consulting, Treatment/Counseling position, and Government agency Additional Information: This program is designed to promote students on to doctoral study.

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

M.A. Forensic Psychology, Professional Counselor Licensure

Chicago, IL Location:

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Online Location:

M.A. Forensic Psychology, Professional Counselor Licensure

M.A. Applied Forensic Psychology

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Program website: <https://www.thechicagoschool.edu/psychology-programs/forensic-psychology/>

*The following information may vary across locations.

Programs & Degrees Offered M.A. Forensic Psychology, Professional Counselor Licensure (Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Online) M.A. Applied Forensic Psychology (Online only)	Accreditation APA Accreditation is currently not applicable.
Program Overview- MA Forensic Psychology, Professional Counselor Licensure The M.A. Forensic Psychology, Professional Counselor Licensure program is a counselor training program that equips students with essential diagnostic, therapeutic, and consultative skills in preparation to work with a variety of forensic populations across the lifespan with a variety of emotional, intellectual, and psychological symptoms and conditions. M.A. Forensic Psychology, Professional Counselor Licensure requires 60 credit hours (61 credit hours in California).	Program Overview- MA Applied Forensic Psychology The M.A. Applied Forensic Psychology program is designed for students who are currently employed or interested in careers at the intersection of law, public policy, and psychology. The program prepares you to pursue nonclinical, professional opportunities in fields such as law enforcement, probation and corrections, child welfare, domestic violence agencies, and mental health organizations. The M.A. Applied Forensic Psychology Track is a non-licensure program that requires 30

<p>Practicum/Internship Students must accrue a minimum of 700 hours of clinical training over the course of a 9-to-12-month practicum and internship under licensed supervision.</p> <p>Licensure The MA Forensic Psychology, Professional Counselor Licensure aligns with educational requirements in many states for licensure as a counselor. <u>See the website for further details.</u></p> <p>Program Length All campus locations enroll both full-time and part-time students, which the time to complete consists of 2 years (full-time) or 3-4 years (part time).</p>	<p>credit hours, 36 credit hours with optional concentrations in Corrections, Police Psychology, or Criminology.</p> <p>Capstone Applied Research Project Through the capstone applied research project, students will focus on a current topic within forensic psychology and conduct an in-depth review of the research in that area. Students will formulate an approach to further investigate their chosen topic using their knowledge of research methodology. Students will present their project at the culmination of their program.</p> <p>Program Length Two years, with options to accelerate coursework and complete in less time</p>
<p>Admissions Requirements: Students applying to the programs must submit the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Application and \$50 application fee ➤ GPA of 3.0 or higher required ➤ Resume or curriculum vitae* ➤ Essay* ➤ Official college/university transcripts ➤ Three letters of recommendation** ➤ Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution ➤ At least one (1) undergraduate course in either statistics or research methods <p>*Not required for applicants to the MA Applied Forensic Psychology program with GPAs 3.0 or higher</p> <p>**Not required for any applicant to the MA Applied Forensic Psychology program</p>	<p>Tuition: \$1,458 Per Credit Hour</p> <p>Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain various forms of support to fund their education, in addition to state and federal financial aid assistance. The Chicago School offers scholarships, special tuition rates, fellowships, and Federal/College Work Study employment. Further information on how to students can finance their education can be found <u>here</u>.</p> <p><u>https://www.thechicagoschool.edu/admissions/financing-your-education/</u></p> <p>Student Applications: Offer=averaging approx. 80%</p> <p>Research: 15% of students have presented research at a regional or national conference.</p>

Drexel University*

MS in Psychology
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Philadelphia, PA 19104

Program website: <https://drexel.edu/coas/academics/graduate-programs/psychology/master-of-science/>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 21 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 14. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic psychology-related classes: 5. Students take classes in Drexel's psychology department. Requires 45 credits in psychology to graduate. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis or approved project. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of degree: 2.	Tuition: Average overall cost for completion of program: \$59,000. Financial Assistance: N/A
Student Applications: On average receive 50-100 applications each year; typically, 10 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE Total Score: No Minimum required. Other criteria: GPA: 3.5 recommended; Number of recommendations: 3.	Research: Approximately 90% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year. Internship/Practicum: N/A Employment of Department Graduates: N/A Additional Information: None.

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Master's in Clinical Forensic Psychology

College of Psychology and Counseling

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[Program Website](#)

<p>Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Clinical Forensic Psychology</p>	<p>APA Accredited: The Clinical Forensic Psychology M.A. at FDU is one of the first master's programs in the country to be accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). The program received full accreditation for 10 years, with the next site visit being in 2034. More information about the master's accreditation process can be found on APA's website.</p>
<p>Department Information: 17 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 5. Number of part-time / adjunct faculty: 6. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 8. The 36-credit curriculum is taught over the course of 1.5 years. Students are required to complete comprehensive examination and 300-hour externship to graduate from program. Students are not required to complete a Master's thesis. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 1.5 (3 FT semesters).</p>	<p>Tuition: Cost per credit for the 2025-2026 school year: \$797. The tuition for the program: \$28,692.</p>
<p>Student Applications: On average we receive 120-130 applications each year. We are now accepting cohorts up to 40 students each year.</p> <p>Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE is not required. Admission decisions are based upon the academic transcript, personal statement, letters of recommendation, and a CV.</p> <p>Other criteria: Generally, our students have a minimum overall GPA is 3.5 or higher. The last several years, the cohort has had an overall GPA of roughly 3.7.</p>	<p>Research: Students have opportunities to participate in clinical and forensic psychology research. Students who are involved with research may have the opportunity to present at regional or national conferences and contribute to publications.</p> <p>Externship/Practica: Students are required to complete a minimum 300 hours of externship. Externships are completed at a range of forensic and clinical sites.</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: Correctional facilities, forensic hospitals, outpatient treatment programs, private practice, government / state agencies, and research settings.</p> <p>Study Abroad: Each year students are afforded the opportunity to go on a week-long study abroad trip to FDU's Wroxtan England campus. Students have the opportunity to study abroad, while also partaking in a number of forensic-related and leisure activities across England.</p>

Fordham University

MS in Clinical Research Methods

Department of Psychology, Fordham University

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Program website

Programs & Degrees Offered: MS in Clinical Research Methods	APA Accredited: No
Department Information: 8 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 30. Number of part-time faculty: 10. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 4. Requires 36 credits to graduate. Students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1,421; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$51,500. Financial Assistance: Students are not eligible for assistantships that cover tuition; only stipend-based positions are available. Percent of students who receive assistantships: 0%. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 50%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 50%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 50%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$27,000.
Student Applications: On average receive 200 applications each year. 25-30 applicants are accepted each year; entering class is typically 10-12 students (2-3 forensic students). Admissions Requirements: GRE is currently optional. Other criteria: GPA: 3.5 preferred; Number of recommendations: 2	Research: Approximately 80% of students presented research at a national or international conference last year Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 6 credit hours of supervised research experience, culminating in the MS thesis. Employment of Department Graduates: 60% PhD programs, 30% Research position, 10% other (e.g., law school). Additional Information: All applications are to the Clinical Research Methods program in general.

The George Washington University

Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology

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[Program Website](#)

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 12 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 3. Number of adjunct faculty: 12. All of the classes offered are specialized forensic psychology and law related classes. MAFP requires 37 credits to graduate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students must also complete required field experience. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 1.5. Program enrolls both full-time and part-time students.	Tuition: Cost per credit:\$1,532; Current overall cost for tuition and fees: approximately\$57,415. Does not include cost of living or other expenses. Financial Assistance: There is some limited program-level financial assistance available.
Student Applications: Program receives approximately 200 applications each year. 75 applicants are admitted each year (50 in the Fall semester/25 in the Spring semester). The program utilizes rolling admissions in reviewing applications. Admissions Requirements: Suggested minimum GPA: 3.0. Verbal GRE scores optional for 2025-2026 academic year but strongly recommended for applicants with GPA < 3.5. These minimums are not firm as applications are evaluated as a whole in order to determine overall fit to the program.	Research: There are some limited research opportunities available. Internship/Practicum: Each student is required to complete 250 hours of training experience in order to graduate. The D.C. metro area offers a wide range of options for potential training sites, including the Federal Bureau of Investigations, U.S. Marshals Service, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Praescent Analytics, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Employment of Department Graduates: Federal and state agencies, community-based agencies, government contractors, private industry, social services for victims and offenders, and doctoral programs. Additional Information: Most of our core and adjunct faculty are involved in forensic psychology practice and/or research. Please visit faculty page for more details.

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Master's in Forensic Mental Health Counseling; Master's in Forensic Psychology;
BA/MA Programs in FMHC and Forensic Psychology; Advanced Certificate in Victimology Studies

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FMHC Program Website

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FP Program Website

<p>Programs & Degrees Offered: MA in Forensic Mental Health Counseling MA in Forensic Psychology BA/MA Programs in FMHC and Forensic Psychology Advanced Certificate in Victimology Studies</p>	<p>APA Accredited: N/A</p>
<p>Department Information: The MA in Forensic Psychology has been in existence since 1978 and the MA in Forensic Mental Health Counseling since 2008. The BA/MA program is open to qualified undergraduates at John Jay. The 12-credit Victimology Studies Certificate is open to any accepted FP or FMHC MA student. Non-MA students must meet eligibility requirements. Number of full-time faculty: 35. Number of part-time faculty: 41. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 10. Requires 42 credits to graduate in Forensic Psychology and 60 credits to graduate in Forensic Mental Health Counseling. Not required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students in the Forensic Psychology program are given the option to complete an externship, a thesis, or both. Students in the Forensic Mental Health Counseling program must complete an externship; can declare a specialized track in Victim Studies, or complete a thesis though the latter is rare. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2 years for the Forensic Psychology program; 2.5 years for the Forensic Mental Health Counseling program. Students in the Forensic Mental Health Counseling program are eligible for NYS MHC licensure.</p>	<p>Tuition: Did not provide.</p> <p>Financial Assistance: There are some state and federal grants and loans which are available at John Jay College. Work Study Programs are also available for financially-qualified applicants. Students are encouraged to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine their eligibility for aid and loans. Additional scholarships and/or assistantships may be awarded depending on funding availability and eligibility requirements.</p>
<p>Student Applications: On average receive 300 applications for Forensic Psychology program and 300 applications for Forensic Mental Health Counseling program. Acceptance rates for the Forensic Psychology and Forensic Mental Health Counseling program vary each semester but range around 30 to 45 %.</p> <p>Admissions Requirements:</p>	<p>Research: 20% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year</p> <p>Internship/Practicum: Students in the Forensic Mental Health Counseling program are required to complete 6 credits of Practicum for graduation. Students in the Forensic Psychology program are given the option to complete 3 credits of Practicum, but it is</p>

<p>Scores: GRE scores near 50th percentile. GRE subject test not recommended or required. GRE is currently being waived.</p> <p>Other criteria: GPA: 3.0 although competitive applicants have a 3.5 and above; Number of recommendations: 3; Psychology credits 18, including statistics and research methods</p>	<p>not required; they may choose to complete a thesis in lieu of Practicum.</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Evaluative research, Research position, and Treatment/Counseling position. Many have a focus on forensic issues.</p> <p>Additional Information: Full-time faculty includes three Distinguished Professors, Steven Penrod, Cathy Widom, and Kevin Nadal. Almost all full-time faculty are involved in forensic psychology research and/or practice. Adjuncts are drawn from a tristate area and many are leaders in the forensic field.</p>
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Kean University

Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology

School of Psychology

Kean University

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Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: First enrolled students in 2016. Number of full-time faculty: 4 Number of part-time faculty: 7 Requires 36 credits to graduate. The program enrolls both full-time and part-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2. The master of arts degree in forensic psychology is designed for students interested in pursuing doctoral training in psychology and/or law; master's level forensic jobs (e.g., in juvenile/adult court clinics, correctional settings, law enforcement research departments or forensic psychiatric settings); and those who are currently working or plan to work in a variety of law enforcement positions (e.g., police, corrections, federal law enforcement, or governmental agencies).	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$929. Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to apply for graduate assistantships. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 0%. Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 10%. Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 20%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in the program: Full-time GA receives waiver for full tuition and fees. Half-time GA receives waiver for half tuition and fees.
Student Applications: On average, receives 95 applications each year. 35 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE is not required. Other criteria: GPA 3.0; Number of recommendations: 2; Professional resume/CV; personal statement; psychology credits 15, including abnormal, developmental, statistics, and experimental.	Research: 5% of students published last year. 20% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year. Internship/Practicum: Students in the Forensic Psychology program are given the option to complete a 3-credit internship, but it is not required. Employment of Department Graduates: Local, State, and Federal sites including law enforcement, specialized courts, state agencies of mental health, developmental disabilities, criminal justice and corrections. Sex offender management and treatment offices. Probation and prisoner reentry. Additional Information: No Spring enrollment. Program is designed for working professionals and is delivered on an evening basis.

Kentucky State University*

MA in Interdisciplinary Behavioral Science,
Behavioral and Social Sciences and Law Track Specialization
Certificate, Interdisciplinary Intelligence Studies
Kentucky State University Department of Psychology, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
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Programs & Degrees Offered: MA in Interdisciplinary Behavioral Science Certificate in Interdisciplinary Intelligence Studies	APA Accredited: No
Department Information: 4 years in existence (opened Fall 2014). Number of full-time faculty: 1. Number of part-time faculty: 4. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 6. Requires 45 credits to graduate. Number of specialized intelligence courses: 4. Requires 12 credits to earn certificate. Required to complete comprehensive examination to graduate from program. Students must also complete an empirical thesis or publishable paper. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 3. The KSU MA Program in Interdisciplinary Behavioral Science (MIBS) is a rigorous 45-hour program with a first-year research sequence of Intermediate Research Methods (6 hours) and Intermediate Statistics (6 hours). KSU is a member of the Bluegrass State Intelligence Consortium Center for Academic Excellence, and partners with member institutions and agencies across the Commonwealth to train the next generation of intelligence and security workers in our country. Program faculty are engaged in research funded by the National Institute of Justice and other federal agencies.	Tuition: Cost per credit: Part-time resident, \$420; Part-time non-resident, \$630 (currently under review); Full-time resident, \$400; Full-time non-resident, \$500 (currently under review). Average overall cost for completion of program based on current tuition: \$18,000 (full-time resident); \$22,500 (full-time non-resident). Financial Assistance (percentages based on total program enrollment F2014-F2018 of 20 students): Percent of students to date who receive grants or stipends: 40%; Percent of students to date who receive assistantships: 10%. Most assistantships are research assistantships. Percent of students to date who receive funding during their first year: 15%; Percent of students to date who receive funding during their final year: 10%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: Varies depending on funding type.
Student Applications: On average receive 12 applications each year. Current program enrollment: 10. MA graduates to date: 6. Admissions Requirements: Undergraduate GPA: 3.0 is desirable; GRE Test is optional; Applicants with prior credit from another program may transfer in no more than 9 credits.	Research: 25-50% of students present research at a regional or national conference each year. Internship/Practicum: Not required. Employment of Department Graduates to Date: Government agencies such as prisons, law enforcement, or state government; Private Industry such business ownership; Human services such as social services or other human service agencies; Institutions of higher education or school districts. Additional Information: Kentucky State University is a historically black university chartered in 1886. KSU became a land-grant college in 1890.

	<p>KSU boasts the most diverse faculty and student body in the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky.</p> <p>Located in Frankfort, KY, between Louisville to our west and Lexington to our east, KSU offers easy access to many large town amenities while maintaining the advantages of a small town atmosphere. Our beautiful 882-acre campus includes a 204-acre agricultural research farm and a 306-acre environmental education center, Center for Research on the Eradication of Educational Disparities (C.R.E.E.D. Center), the Atwood Institute for Race, Education, and the Democratic Ideal, as well as a new Center for Interdisciplinary Intelligence, Security, and Forensic Studies (forthcoming in Spring 2019).</p>
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*Program information was last updated in 2019.

Marymount University

Master of Arts in Forensic and Legal Psychology

Marymount University

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Arlington, VA 20110

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[Program Website](#)

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master of Arts in Forensic and Legal Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 20+ years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 5. Number of part-time faculty: 10+. Almost all classes offered are specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes. Requires 39 credits to graduate. The program does not require students to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Program enrolls both full-time and part-time students. Program offers an optional concentration in Intelligence Studies, as well as a dual degree option with Clinical Mental Health Counseling (which involves a separate application/interview process). The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1,340; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$52,260 + <u>fees</u> Financial Assistance: The FLP Program does not currently offer assistantships. Various <u>assistantship opportunities</u> are available outside of the FLP program.
Student Applications: On average, receive 250+ applications each year with approximately 150 applicants accepted. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE is not required. Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 2, GPA: 3.0 min preferred, <u>additional requirements</u> .	Research: <5% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship/Practicum: Students complete 180 hours (3 credits) of Practicum in order to graduate. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic Career, Private industry, Evaluative Research and Treatment/Counseling position Additional Information: Internship sites have included FBI (incl. NCAVC), BOP, DEA, ATF, NCIS, US Marshals Service, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Fairfax County Public Defender's Office, Office of the Commonwealth Attorney-Arlington, American Association of Suicidology, Arlington County Drug Court, Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, and various law enforcement agencies, correctional institutions, prosecutor's/public defender's offices, probation/parole agencies, trial consulting firms, victim assistance offices, intelligence agencies, and research institutes, among others.

Montclair State University

MA in Clinical Psychology
 Concentration in Forensic Psychology
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[Program Website](#)

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's degree in Clinical Psychology with a Concentration in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: The psychology department has 30+ full time faculty members and several full-time instructional staff. There are three faculty members with psychology and law foci (two of whom are licensed clinical psychologists and are closely affiliated with two psychologists in other departments who are engaged in psychology-law research). The MA program requires 36 credits of course work and a year-long clinical externship or clinically relevant research externship. The program enrolls full- and part-time students and admits students only for the fall term.	Tuition: Please see the following website for more information regarding the current graduate tuition rates per credit for both New Jersey residents and non-state residents: https://www.montclair.edu/tuition-and-fees/graduate-costs/ Financial Assistance: Each year the program offers a limited number of graduate assistantships (e.g., 1-2) to especially qualified applicants. Students who are admitted to the program will be sent a link to an online Graduate Assistantship Application Form, which they can apply to if interested.
Student Applications: During the most recent application cycle, the Forensic Psychology concentration received 105 completed applications and typically admits approximately 20 students into the concentration each year. Applications for priority consideration are due on March 15th; applications completed after the priority deadline are reviewed on a rolling basis until the program is full. Admissions Requirements: Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in psychology, or at least 12 undergraduate credits in psychology (not including Introduction to Psychology/Psychology 101). These credits must include a course in statistics and a course in research/experimental methods. The application requires official transcripts, a personal statement (responding to a specific program prompt), two letters of recommendation (preferably from faculty), a curriculum vitae/resume, and a sample of written work related to psychology. The GRE General Test is optional if the undergraduate GPA is 3.3 or higher or if a master's degree has been completed. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is recommended, though applicants with a GPA between 2.7 and 3.0 may be considered if other aspects of the application are strong. If applicants are selected for the next stage following application review, they will complete an interview with program faculty.	Research: A thesis is not required but students are encouraged to join a research lab. In addition, students may complete a clinically relevant research experience to satisfy the externship component of their training. Externship: Students must complete an academic year-long, part-time (450 hours) clinical externship or clinically relevant research externship. Externships are typically completed in New Jersey or New York, involve work with diverse populations, and occur in settings that include family services and child protection, rehabilitation, forensic mental health, and corrections. Employment of Department Graduates: Each year, we have graduates who are accepted into competitive doctoral programs in clinical psychology, pursue further graduate studies in other human services fields (e.g., LPC, BCBA), or secure positions in forensic settings (e.g., correctional facilities, mental health courts, rehabilitation programs). Additional Information: Program faculty represent diverse theoretical orientations, including cognitive-behavioral and integrative approaches.

<p>More information, including the full application checklist, can be found on the program's website: <u>Montclair State University – MA Program in Clinical Psychology (Forensic Psychology Concentration)</u>.</p>		<p>Many also have interests in juvenile justice and family law issues.</p>
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Nova Southeastern University*

Master's in Forensic Psychology

College of Psychology

3301 College Ave.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314

Telephone: (954)262-7563

Program website: <https://psychology.nova.edu/academics/masters/forensic-psychology/index.html>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: The Master of Science in Forensic Psychology program is designed for those beginning or continuing their careers where psychology and the legal system intersect in fields such as law, national security, law enforcement, corrections, child protection, family law, and the military. The program provides students with a strong academic foundation in the theories and concepts of clinical, social, and scientific psychology and their application to legal questions and situations. Students will learn how psychologists use the psychological assessments typically utilized in criminal, civil, and family court, as well as social service cases. Concentrations include forensic psychology for legal professionals and forensic psychology for mental health workers, first responders, and national security and disaster teams. This 36 credit program is offered entirely online.	Tuition: It is highly variable depending on the particular funding package received by the student. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to obtain Federal Work Study positions and Graduate Assistant positions. Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%.
Student Applications: No information provided. Admissions Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A GPA of 3.0 is required for an Undergraduate applicant and a 3.5 GPA is required for a Graduate applicant. • 2 Letters of recommendation • 500-1000 word personal essay 	Research: Students are expected to successfully complete an Advanced Research Project or a Capstone In-field Experience. Internship/Practicum: N/A Employment of Department Graduates: Government agencies, judiciary, law enforcement, treatment facilities, probation prisoner reentry, research organizations, etc. Additional Information: None.

Ontario Tech University

MSc program in Forensic Psychology
University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa, ON, CANADA

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Program website: <https://ontariotechu.ca/programs/graduate/social-science-and-humanities/master-of-science-forensic-psychology/index.php>

Programs & Degrees Offered: MSc Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: No
Department Information: This program is housed in Ontario Tech University's Faculty of Social Science and Humanities. Number of full-time faculty: 8. The MSc in Forensic Psychology combines disciplinary and specialized study in Forensic Psychology, study in research methods and statistics, and applied learning experiences to prepare students to work in a variety of settings. Students may choose their supervisor from among the core faculty. (We recommend contacting individual faculty members to assess their interest in admitting students.) The program consists of 30 credits (12 research credits and 18 coursework credits) that can be completed in 2 years.	Tuition: Full-time graduate tuition per year is \$ \$7,579.30 CAD (Canadian Domestic) or \$20,124.30 CAD (International) Financial Assistance: Minimum funding of \$16,000 CAD per year is guaranteed for 2 years. Minimum funding may be achieved through any one or more of, but is not limited to, the following: graduate research assistantships, teaching assistantships and/or research assistantships. Additional scholarships are available for domestic and international applicants.
Student Applications: Admissions Requirements: Applications materials include transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a statement of academic intent, and a CV/resume. There is a minimum GPA requirement of 3.0. However, based on the competitive nature of the application process, students with GPAs of 3.5+, good fit with a faculty mentor, and strong research experience will be at an advantage. Strengths in one area may make up for weaknesses in another. Applicants should address their suitability for graduate study in their personal statement.	Research: This is a research-oriented program. Students are expected to conduct empirical research at the intersection of law and psychology and then present / publish that research in academic outlets appropriate to the field. Internship/Practicum: No internships are required, although students may choose to complete a practicum as part of their degree requirements. Employment of Department Graduates: This is a relatively new program; Of our graduates thus far, 80% have pursued further graduate studies.

Roger Williams University*

M.A. Forensic Mental Health Counseling

FCAS 105

Roger Williams University

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Program website: <https://www.rwu.edu/graduate/programs/graduate-programs/forensic-mental-health-counseling>

Programs & Degrees Offered: M.A. Forensic Mental Health Counseling	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: Roger Williams University offers a distinctive, 60-credit M.A. in Forensic Mental Health Counseling program for students seeking to be independent mental health clinicians working with forensic populations. The program provides extensive clinical field hours in exciting forensic placements like correctional institutions, forensic hospitals, clinics, and more. Over more than 15 years, the University has placed dozens of forensic psychology graduates in clinical employment settings as well as highly competitive doctoral programs across the U.S. and abroad. Number of full-time faculty: 10 Number of part-time faculty: 2. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 4 with optional forensic electives. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1049; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$51,386 Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain scholarships, institutional grants, and administrative assistantships. Percent of students who receive institutional aid: 100%; Percent of students who receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students who receive funding during their final year: 100%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$5,773.
Student Applications: On average receive 100-125 applications each year and approximately 65% of those applicants are accepted. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE scores are not required. Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 3. GPA: 3.0.	Internship/Practicum: Students complete a minimum of 200 hours of practicum and 600 hours of internship. Additional practicum hours are available for students seeking licensure in states that require additional hours. Employment of Department Graduates: Correctional facilities, government agencies, treatment/counseling positions, court practitioners, and private practice. Additional Information: The M.A. in Forensic Mental Health Counseling program is designed for students who wish to become independent mental health clinicians by obtaining future licensure as an LMHC or LPC.

Russell Sage College

Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling & Community Psychology with Forensic Mental Health Certificate

Master's Degree in Forensic Mental Health

Psychology Department

Russell Sage College

Troy, NY 12180

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<https://www.sage.edu/academics/programs-degrees/health-sciences/counseling-community-psychology/>

<p>Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Mental Health Counseling and Community Psychology with certificate in Forensic Mental Health (M.A.) Master's Degree in Forensic Mental Health (M.S.)</p>	<p>APA Accredited: N/A **Mental Health Counseling Program is accredited by Master's in psychology and counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC)</p>
<p>Department Information: 24 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 9 Number of part-time faculty: 6 Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes in counseling program: 5. Mental Health counseling program requires 63 credits to graduate. FMH program requires 39-45 credits to graduate. For both programs, students will complete an empirical Master's thesis or a research seminar. Programs enroll both part-time and full-time students.</p> <p>The median number of years required for completion of a degree full time: 3.0. Mental Health Counseling program is accredited by MPCAC. Graduating students from counseling program are eligible for licensure as a mental health counselor.</p>	<p>Tuition: Mental Health Counseling Program Cost per credit: \$ 805 Forensic Mental Health Program Cost per credit: \$ 685</p> <p>Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain graduate assistantships. Percent of students receive assistantships, grants or stipends: 15%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 10%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 10%. Amount of financial assistance made available through assistantships to the average student enrolled in program: 2 course waivers and \$3000 per year</p>
<p>Student Applications: On average, we receive 60 applications each year and 50 applicants are accepted each year.</p> <p>Admissions Requirements: Scores: This program does not require the GRE.</p> <p>Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 2</p>	<p>Research: Students of both programs have the opportunity to present research at a regional or national conference yearly</p> <p>Internship/Practicum: For the mental health counseling program, students have to complete 750 practicum/internship hours to graduate.</p> <p>For the Forensic Mental Health program, students have to complete a 240-hour externship.</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Private industry, Evaluative Research and Treatment/Counseling positions, private practice</p> <p>Additional Information: Programs are designed for full time students and for working professionals and are delivered on a full-time or part-time evening basis.</p>

Saint Mary's University*

Master's Degree in Applied Psychology

Forensic Psychology Stream

Psychology Department

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Program website: <https://www.smu.ca/psychology/msc-in-applied-psychology.html>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Masters in Applied Psychology (Forensic Psychology Stream)	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 5 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 6. Number of part-time faculty: 1. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 4. Requires 36 credits to graduate. Students are required to complete a Master's thesis and 500 hours of a supervised practicum in the field of forensic psychology. Program enrolls full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2.	Tuition and fees: For 2022/ 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canadian Students: \$8, 262 - International Students: \$17, 180 Financial Assistance: Applicants will be considered for internal scholarship funding from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. Funding is also offered for teaching and research assistantships.
Student Applications: No information available Admissions Requirements: Honours degree in Psychology or equivalent (minimally, an empirical directed research course supervised by faculty and with a formal results write-up and presentation; advanced statistics); Minimum 3.3/ 4.3 cumulative undergraduate GPA. Other criteria: Academic transcript, personal statement, and CV. Number of recommendations: 3. Consideration will be given to relevant work, research, and volunteer experience.	Research: Students will be expected to present research at regional and national conferences. Travel assistance will be available from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. Internship/Practicum: Students have to complete 500 hours of approved practicum to graduate. Employment of Department Graduates: About 50% of our graduates go on to PhD programs at other universities, with the other 50% of graduates find employment in their field of study. Additional Information: Faculty in this department have experience and interests in a wide range of topics in forensic and legal psychology, including forensic assessment, forensic treatment, sex offenders, violent offenders, substance use and addiction, forensic interviewing, eyewitness memory, credibility assessment, correctional psychology, and jury decision-making.

University of California, Irvine

Master's of Legal and Forensic Psychology
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University of California, Irvine
Irvine, CA 92697-7050

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Assistant Director of MLFP Program: Sarah Miltimore, M.S.

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Program Website

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Legal and Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: Number of full-time faculty: 13. Number of part-time faculty: 0. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 13. Requires 52 units to graduate. The Master of Legal and Forensic Psychology Program at UC Irvine is a two-year degree program. Preceding the first fall quarter of instruction, students are required to attend a one-week in residence course at UC Irvine. During each of the two following academic years, students will complete 6 online courses. Each quarter consists of 2 online courses. In lieu of a thesis, students are required to take a capstone course in the winter quarter of their second year of study. During their capstone course, students will be required to write an independent term paper as the culmination of their coursework in the program and will demonstrate how the knowledge and skills learned in this program can be applied to a research project. Students select a topic that is relevant to legal and forensic psychology, and write a paper that shows originality and thoroughness in the conception and systematic treatment of the topic.	Tuition: Annual fees for this program are \$16,284.00 and are subject to change. More information can be found here: https://mlfp.soceco.uci.edu/pages/student-fees . Financial Assistance: Education can be financed through need-based financial aid, grants, or personal resources. Scholarship opportunities are available to 2 nd year students. More information can be found here: https://mlfp.soceco.uci.edu/pages/financial-aid
Student Applications: Applications for Fall 2026 will open in October 2025, with a priority deadline of March 1, 2026. Applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis through May 15, 2026. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE is not required. Other criteria: 3.0 minimum GPA in undergraduate coursework. Number of recommendations: 2. Statement of Purpose, Personal History Statement and resume.	Research: It is optional for students to present research at academic conferences. Internship/Practicum: N/A Employment of Department Graduates: Graduates from the program will be well-prepared for careers in a range of fields that benefit from an understanding of forensic psychology, including (but not limited to): jury consultants, court liaisons, expert witnesses, victims' advocates, law enforcement advocates, case managers, and program directors. They will be qualified to secure employment in a wide range of settings, including psychiatric facilities, community-based agencies, jury consulting agencies, mental health centers, social services agencies, and law enforcement agencies/correctional institutions. Alumni will be well-suited to advance in a range of related fields such that

	<p>they ultimately become leaders in fields related to law and psychology</p> <p>Additional Information: The program will focus on the intersection of psychology and legal issues, with a greater emphasis on the use of psychological principles, theories, and research to better understand legal processes and systems. One of the strengths of this program is its promotion of interdisciplinary learning. At its core, the forensic and legal studies program will integrate facets of psychology, forensics and the law. Students will be immersed in an interdisciplinary field devoted to advancing scholarship, testing theories, and engaging in public service relevant to individuals' participation and experiences in legal contexts.</p> <p>This program is only offered online.</p>
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University of Denver

Master's in Forensic Psychology

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Program Website

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: No
Department Information: 25+ years in Existence. Number of full-time faculty: 7. Number of part-time faculty: N/A; 2 Postdoctoral Fellows. Curriculum includes specialized forensic/psychology and law-related classes. MAFP requires 90 credits to graduate. Students are not required to complete an empirical master's thesis. Students are required to complete a clinical competency exam in order to graduate. Program enrolls only full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of the MAFP degree: 2. Graduating students are eligible to pursue licensure at the master's level in Colorado.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1397 ; Average overall cost for completion of program: \$125,730 . Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain teaching and service assistantships and grants and stipends. Percent of students receive grants or stipends: 2%. Percent of students who receive assistantships: 10%; Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: 25%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 25%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in MAFP program: \$25,000. Additional monies available for work study, student employment, and grant funding on research projects.
Student Applications: On average, the MAFP program receives around 230 applications per year. A class of approximately 30 students is seated each year. Admissions Requirements: Two program-specific essays, resume, plus an individual interview. Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 2-3, GPA: 2.5. Website: psychology@du.edu	Research: Although independent research projects are not required in the program, historically a number of students each year engage in research, with several presenting at a regional or national conferences and/or publishing scholarly work. Internship/Practicum: Min. of 2 required practicum placements and 700 supervised practicum hours over 2 years, of which 280 must include direct clinical contact. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, academic career, private industry, research position and treatment/counseling position. Additional Information: Our Institute, Denver FIRST (Forensic Institute for Research, Service and Training) sees clients who have been court referred for outpatient competency restoration treatment and/or forensic assessment. Some students may have the opportunity to be a part of our institute, through which they will be engaged in clinical services, consultation and training, and research/program evaluation.

University of Houston, Victoria

Master's in Forensic Psychology
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[Program website](#)

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: Over a decade in Existence. Number of full-time faculty: 2 Number of part-time faculty: 2, Total Number classes is 19, of those 3 are forensic and law related classes: classes and 3 Practicum placements. Requires 66 credit hours to graduate. Students are not required to complete an empirical master's thesis. Program enrolls full-time and part-time students. The median number of years required for completion of the degree: 2 full years and one summer if taken fulltime.	Tuition: Cost per credit hour: \$1,509.12 /(3 credit hours and Resident USA fee). Course; Average overall cost for completion of program: thirty thousand dollars (Resident USA fee). Financial Assistance: Grants, stipends are not available. However, some limited teaching assistantships are available.
Student Applications: On average, the forensic psychology program receives 30+ applicants each year and accepts 15-18. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GPA X 200 + (15 X (GRE Verbal + Quantitative) – 260). We accept admission if index is 980 or higher.	Research: N/A Internship/Practicum: Students have to complete 450 hours (9 credit hours) of Practicum in order to graduate. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency and Treatment/Counseling position. Some students have pursued a Ph.D. or Psy.D. Additional Information: Our program leads to licensure as an LPC or LPA in Texas.

University of Nevada, Reno*

Master's in Criminal Justice

UNR Mailstop 214

Reno, NV 89557

Telephone: (775)784-6021

Program website: <https://www.unr.edu/criminal-justice/degrees/master-of-arts-in-criminal-justice>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Criminal Justice	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 10 years in existence Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 5. Requires 33 credits to graduate. Two tracks available (thesis and non-thesis). Non-thesis track students are required to complete a comprehensive exam; thesis students do not take the exam but instead complete an empirically based thesis. Program enrolls full- and part-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2 years Certificate in Social Justice is available	Tuition: Refer to website for tuition information. Financial Assistance: Students have the opportunity to receive grants and stipends. Students also have the opportunity to receive teaching assistantships. Percent of students that receive funding during their first year: Approximately 90%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: Approximately 90%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: Varies by year.
Student Applications: 6-8 applicants are accepted each year. Admissions Requirements: Scores: GRE Total Score: No specific minimum. GRE scores are only one of the considerations in admissions decisions. Other criteria: GPA: 2.75; Number of recommendations: 3; GRE Subject Test is neither required nor recommended	Research: Approximately 40% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship/Practicum: Internships are available. Employment of Department Graduates: Government agency, Academic career, Private industry, Evaluative research, Research position, and Law Enforcement. Additional Information: This is a Criminal Justice program, however several faculty have interests in law and social science issues. Program is associated with the Grant Sawyer center for Justice Studies, the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the National Judicial College. Students can take social science classes (e.g., psychology) as electives.

University of North Dakota

Master's in Forensic Psychology

Department of Psychology

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Master of Arts (online): <https://und.edu/programs/forensic-psychology-ma-ms/index.html>

Master of Science (on campus): <https://und.edu/programs/forensic-psychology-ma-ms/index.html>

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Forensic Psychology	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: Both the M.A. and M.S Forensic psychology programs have been in existence since 2006. Number of full-time program core faculty: 5. Number of classes offered are specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 7. Both programs require 30 credits to graduate. On campus M.S. students are required to complete an empirical Master's thesis. Distance MA. program enrolls both part-time and full-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2 on-campus, and 2.5 distance-learning.	Tuition: Cost per credit on-campus: \$570. Cost per credit on-line: \$660 ; Average overall cost for completion of program on campus: \$17,100. Average overall cost for completion of program off-campus: \$19,800. Financial Assistance: The university does not guarantee teaching and research assistantships to on campus M.S. students. All students have the opportunity to receive grants and stipends. Percent of students who receive assistantships: 100%. Percent of on campus students that receive funding during their first year: 100%; Percent of students that receive funding during their final year: 100%.
Student Applications: On campus, there are approximately 25 applicants a year, with 4 students accepted. For the distance-learning program, there are 180 applicants a year, with approximately 100 being accepted. Admissions Requirements: Scores: The distance-learning program does not require the GRE. For the on-campus program, students have to be the 30th percentile in Quantitative, Verbal, and Analytical Writing scores. Subject test not required. Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 3. GPA for the on-campus program: 3.2. GPA for the distance-learning program: 3.0.	Research: 25% of students presented research at a regional or national conference last year Internship/Practicum: On campus and distance students have the opportunity to gain field work experience. Employment of Department Graduates: Private industry, Research, and Treatment/Counseling positions. Several students from both the M.S. and M.A. programs have pursued a Ph.D. (Experimental or Clinical) or Psy.D. Additional Information: None.

Westfield State University

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[Program Website](#)

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Mental Health Counseling, Forensic Concentration	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 12 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 4. Requires 60 credits to graduate. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 3. Program enrolls full and part time students. Students are eligible for LMHC licensure.	Tuition: Tuition: \$25,860 for entire program, not including fees Financial Assistance: Students can apply for a graduate assistantship position which provides a per-term stipend and tuition/fee waiver, ranging from \$1100-\$4500, depending on position.
Student Applications: Last year the program received 12 applications and 4 were admitted to the program. Admissions Requirements: Scores: Minimum GPA 3.0. Applicants are evaluated on grades, personal statement, letters of recommendation, previous research and/or clinically relevant experience, and fit with program faculty. Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 3.	Research: With permission of the Program Director, students may complete a master's thesis. Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 600-hour internship Employment of Department Graduates: Corrections, Higher Education, Outpatient Mental Health, Policing Additional Information: See program and faculty website for additional information

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master's in Mental Health Counseling, Law Enforcement & Mental Health Co-Response	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: 0 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 4. Requires 60 credits to graduate. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 3. Program enrolls full and part time students. Students are eligible for LMHC licensure.	Tuition: Tuition: \$25,860 for entire program, not including fees Financial Assistance: Students can apply for a graduate assistantship position which provides a per-term stipend and tuition/fee waiver, ranging from \$1100-\$4500, depending on position.

<p>Student Applications: This is a new program so applicant numbers are N/A.</p> <p>Admissions Requirements: Scores: Minimum GPA 3.0. Applicants are evaluated on grades, personal statement, letters of recommendation, previous research and/or clinically relevant experience, and fit with program faculty.</p> <p>Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 3.</p>	<p>Research: With permission of the Program Director, students may complete a master's thesis.</p> <p>Internship/Practicum: Students are required to complete 600-hour internship</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: Corrections, Higher Education, Outpatient Mental Health, Policing</p> <p>Additional Information: See program and faculty website for additional information</p>
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<p>Programs & Degrees Offered: Graduate Certificate in Law Enforcement & Mental Health Co-Response</p>	<p>APA Accredited: N/A</p>
<p>Department Information: 0 years in existence. Number of full-time faculty: 4. Requires 60 credits to graduate. The median number of years required for completion of a certificate: 1. Program enrolls full and part time students. Students are eligible for LMHC licensure.</p>	<p>Tuition: Tuition: \$6,465 for entire program, not including fees</p> <p>Financial Assistance: N/A</p>
<p>Student Applications: This is a new program so applicant numbers are N/A.</p> <p>Admissions Requirements: Scores: Minimum GPA 3.0. Applicants are evaluated on grades, personal statement, letters of recommendation, previous research and/or clinically relevant experience, and fit with program faculty. Preference will be given to applicants who have completed a Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling or Criminal Justice. Students accepted into the certificate program who later wish to complete a master's degree program may be required to meet admission criteria for that degree program. This may require another application to that program.</p> <p>Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 2.</p>	<p>Research: Certificate program requires the complete of a capstone project.</p> <p>Internship/Practicum: N/A</p> <p>Employment of Department Graduates: N/A because this is a new program</p> <p>Additional Information: See program and faculty website for additional information</p>

William James College

Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Concentration in Forensic and Correctional Counseling

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Program Website

Programs & Degrees Offered: Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration in Forensic and Correctional Counseling	APA Accredited: N/A
Department Information: Program is 19 years in existence; concentration has been offered for 18 years. Number of full-time faculty: 18. Number of part-time faculty: 2. Number of specialized forensic/psychology and law related classes: 4. Requires 60 credits to graduate. Students are required to complete a Comprehensive Examination. Program enrolls both full-time and part-time students. The median number of years required for completion of a degree: 2.	Tuition: Cost per credit: \$1,360; Average annual program tuition and fees: \$43,610 Financial Assistance: All students have the opportunity to obtain teaching assistantships and grants or stipends. Percent of students who receive assistantships: 15%. Percent of students who receive grants or stipends: 15%. Percent of students who receive funding their first year: 15%. Percent of students who receive funding in their final year: 15%. Amount of financial assistance made available to the average student enrolled in program: \$10,000 total.
Student Applications: On average receive 76 applications each year. Up to 24 applicants are accepted each year to the forensic concentration. Admissions Requirements: Scores: This program does require the GRE. Other criteria: Number of recommendations: 3. GPA: 3.0.	Research: Students have presented posters at regional conferences, and can engage in research projects at WJC (i.e., juvenile competence to stand trial, human sex trafficking). Internship/Practicum: Students complete 360 hours of practicum and 600 hours of internship in order to graduate. Employment of Department Graduates: Clinicians in correctional settings, community mental health agencies, child advocacy centers, substance use centers, and private practice. Additional Information: Our program leads to licensure as an LMHC in Massachusetts. Students may take some courses in a blended format, but all the clinical seminars and certain courses are in person on a weekly basis. This program is part of the Counseling and Behavioral Health Department. The Clinical Psychology Department has a Forensic Concentration that is listed separately. Students who graduate from the MA program who apply for admission to the Clinical PsyD program at WJC enter (if accepted) as advanced standing students.

