

# Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology

## Admission Requirements

The applicant must meet the School of Graduate Studies' current minimum general admission requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a behavioral or social science major allied with psychology, i.e., psychology, criminal justice, sociology, counseling or social work.
2. A cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above, or a graduate degree GPA of 3.50.
3. Submission of a curriculum vitae and a personal statement describing:
  - a. academic and professional accomplishments;
  - b. reasons for pursuing a graduate degree in Forensic Psychology; and
  - c. any additional information the applicant would like the admission committee to know.
4. Submission of three letters of recommendation from those who can comment on your academic abilities or ability to understand complex issues and think critically, e.g. former faculty member or work supervisor.
5. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies' English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

## Degree Requirements

Students seeking the Master of Science or Master of Arts degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the School of Graduate Studies as well as particular requirements set forth by the Forensic Psychology program.

The general degree requirements for the Master of Arts degree in the Forensic Psychology include a minimum of 30 credits of coursework:

Required Core Courses (18 credits):

Code	Title	Credits
PSYC 524	Psychology and Law	3
PSYC 544	Research Methods in Forensic Psychology	3
PSYC 560	Advanced Social Psychology	3
PSYC 575	Behavior Pathology	3
PSYC 593	Readings in Psychology	3
PSYC 997	Independent Study (research or practicum experience possible)	3

### Elective Courses (12 credits):

Choose 4 of the following:		12
PSYC 539	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC 534	Eyewitness Testimony Memory	3
PSYC 521	Diversity Psychology	3
PSYC 587	Supervised Field Work	1-3
PSYC 594	Special Topics in Psychology (can be repeated for credit; Psychology in the Courtroom; Interrogation)	1-3

Total Credits: 30

Note: The student's Advisory Committee will also consider other graduate classes as appropriate electives on a case-by-case basis. Students who have a strong psychology background may, after review by the Committee, be permitted to substitute an appropriate forensic psychology graduate elective for a required program course. A maximum of eight graduate credits may be transferred from another institution.