Forensic Psychology
Master of Arts

The MA program is committed to providing equality instruction and training in the field of modern forensic psychology in order to serve the educational and professional needs of those working or living at a distance from UND.

1. Establish a solid foundational background at the Master’s level in psychological concepts and skills similar to those offered in many graduate programs in psychology, particularly those with an applied emphasis.
2. Provide students with specific forensic-relevant coursework and experiences.
3. Allow students an opportunity to receive supervised fieldwork and/or to do a research project as independent study under the direction of a program faculty.
4. Prepare students for admission into Ph.D. or Psy.D. graduate programs.

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 250-300 word 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 34 credits of coursework:

Required Core Courses (25 credits):

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Elective Courses (9 credits):

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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.

Core Clinical Graduate Faculty

- **April Bradley**, Ph.D., Child forensics and sexual assault, child interviewing techniques in forensic interviews.
- **Adam Derenne**, Ph.D., Basic behavioral processes.
- **Kyle De Young**, Ph.D., Eating Disorders and obesity: course and outcome, assessment, function of disordered eating and related behaviors, latent variable modeling of longitudinal data.
- **Alison Finstad**, Ph.D., Cognitive psychology an psychology of law: detection ability in accurate and inaccurate eyewitnesses, ethnic an gender biases in eyewitness identification performance.
- **Mark Grabe**, Ph.D., Assessment and development of cognitive and metacognitive skills involved in reading and study behavior, instructional technology.
- **Jeffrey Holm**, Ph.D., Primary prevention of tobacco use and obesity, assessment and treatment of headache, dysmenorrhea and other psychophysiological disorders.
- **Andre Kehn**, Ph.D., Social cognition and psychology and law: eyewitness identification accuracy, cross-race effect, emotion and juror information procession, perception of witnesses.
- **Alan King**, Alcohol research, interpersonal perception, personality development, and adult psychopathology.
- **John-Paul Legerski**, Ph.D., Emotional expression, peer socialization and psychological function among children and adolescents; autobiographical memory functioning; posttraumatic stress disorder; ethics issues in research participation.
- **Alison Looby**, Ph.D., Assessment and prevention of substance abuse (eg: marijuana, prescription stimulants, alcohol); expectancy and placebo effects, neuropsychological assessment; psychometrics.
- **Doug McDonald**, Ph.D., INPSYDE Director, Native American assessment and treatment issues.
- **Douglas Peters**, Ph.D., Forensic Program Director, psychology and law issues related to the child witness, eyewitness memory, media effects, and expert testimony.
- **Thomas Petros**, Ph.D., Assessment of learning problems, reading processes and learning disabilities.
- **Karyn Plumm**, Ph.D., Social psychological theories, juror perceptions & legal policy.
- **Dmitri Poltavski**, Ph.D., Cognitive function and psychoactive substances (eg: nicotine & alcohol), visual accommodation and attention, psychophysiological measurement.
- **Joelle Ruthig**, Ph.D., Social and health psychology; achievement-related social cognition and motivation; health & aging.
- **Cheryl Terrance**, Ph.D., Social psychology, gender issues, and perceptions of victims within the courtroom.
- **Heather K. Terrell**, Ph.D., Social and personality psychology: gender roles; gender identity; stereotyping and prejudice; aggression; evolutionary psychology.
- **Jeffrey Weatherly**, Ph.D., Contrast and induction effects, variables that influence gambling behavior.

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