

# Master of Science in Forensic Psychology

**Note: The GRE scores requirement has been suspended for program admissions in 2023-2024.**

## Admission Requirements

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

- Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. For U.S. degrees, accreditation must be by one of the six regional accrediting associations. A degree in behavioral or social science major allied with psychology, e.g., psychology, criminal justice, sociology, counseling, and social work, is recommended.
- Although not required, applicants are recommended to have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.2 for all undergraduate work, or a graduate degree GPA of 3.5.
- Applicants must also submit GRE scores. Applicants are recommended to have Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytic Writing scores meeting or exceeding the 30th percentile.
- A personal statement discussing:
  - academic and professional accomplishments;
  - reasons for pursuing a graduate degree in Forensic Psychology;
  - research interests; and
  - any additional information the applicant would like the admissions committee to know.
- A curriculum vita summarizing relevant experiences including but not limited to academic course work and work, volunteer, and research activities.
- Three letters of recommendation from those who can comment on the applicant's academic abilities are also required. Consideration will be given for experience working in forensic areas or participating in research as an assistant prior to the program application.
- Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies' English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

Choose two or three of the following:

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PSYC 539	Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 560	Advanced Social Psychology
PSYC 587	Supervised Field Work
PSYC 594	Special Topics in Psychology (can be repeated for credit)
CJ 515	Human Nature and Crime
CJ 535	Seminar in Juvenile Justice
CJ 565	Victimology

### Thesis Requirement (6 Credits)

PSYC 998	Thesis	1-9
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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 undergraduate background may, after review by the Committee, be permitted to substitute an appropriate forensic psychology class.

## Degree Requirements:

Students seeking the Master of Science in Forensic Psychology 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.

Students in the M.S. Forensic Psychology Program at UND are required to complete 30 credits. This includes 18 credits of required coursework, 6 to 9 credits of elective courses, and 6 credit hours of thesis credit. The Forensic Psychology program does not have a comprehensive examination.

\* Requirements for Matriculating

- Overall GPA = 3.5
- Permission of Advisor and Program Director

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses (18 Credits)</b>		
PSYC 523	Forensic Assessment	3
PSYC 524	Psychology and Law	3
PSYC 541	Advanced Univariate Statistics	3
PSYC 542	Multivariate Statistics for Psychology	3
PSYC 543	Experimental Design	3
PSYC 575	Behavior Pathology	3
<b>Elective Courses (6-9 credits):</b>		