

Master of Legal and Forensic Psychology

The Master of Legal and Forensic Psychology is designed for professionals or recent graduates who wish to further their education and gain skills that will help them obtain careers in the field of legal and forensic psychology. 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. For example, students will learn about interpretation of scientific evidence and psychological assessment, protection of child witnesses, the accuracy of human memory, assessment and treatment of juvenile offenders, and the role of human and organizational factors associated with miscarriages of justice.

Program Details

To achieve this goal, the program consists of six quarters (total of two years) and students are required to complete a 13-course curriculum (two online courses per quarter during the regular academic year and one mandatory week-long introductory in-residence course).

Course Requirements

A. Complete:	
PSCI P200	Introduction to Legal and Forensic Psychology
PSCI P202	Data Analysis and Statistics
PSCI P208	Research Methods
PSCI P215	Psychology and Law
PSCI P222	Forensic Assessment
PSCI P242	Legal Reasoning and Jurisprudence
PSCI P253	Master of Legal and Forensic Psychology Capstone
B. Complete six electives	

In lieu of a thesis, students complete a capstone project, where they are required to synthesize the knowledge they obtained over the course of their studies and analyze an area where psychology can inform legal policy and/or practice. 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):, court liaisons, intelligence analysts, court manager, research analysts, policy analysts, victims' advocates, law enforcement (local, state, federal), case managers, and program directors; and will be able to secure employment in a wide range of settings, including community-based agencies, the court system, mental health centers, social service agencies, and law enforcement agencies/correctional institutions; and, once employed, well-suited to advance in an array of related fields such that they ultimately become leaders in the field of law and psychology.

For more information, visit the Master of Legal and Forensic Psychology website. (<http://mlfp.soceco.uci.edu/>)