

Certificates

Behavioral Forensics - Certificate

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This certificate must be completed along with a Bachelor's degree program of study. Certificates will be awarded only at the time of degree completion. The Behavioral Forensics Certificate is an interdisciplinary course of study that focuses on ways society attempts to recognize and deal with various forms of criminal behavior. The certificate exposes students to the practice of psychology within the legal system, including topics such as confidentiality, competency, and insanity. Students should view this certificate only as a way to shape and organize their coursework in this particular area of study; the certificate shows potential graduate schools and employers that students have been exposed to behavioral forensics.

Certificate Admission Requirements

- None

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- A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in all courses used to satisfy the certificate.
- Grades below "C" (2.0) in lower level courses are not accepted.
- At least 12 hours used in the certificate must be earned at UCF.

Prerequisite Courses (12 hrs)

- Most courses for this certificate will have prerequisites completed as a part of a student's GEP requirement, as general electives, or a student can enroll into courses with consent of instructor.

Take all of the following: 6 hrs

- Complete both:
PSY 2012 General Psychology and 3 hrs
SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology 3 hrs

Take all of the following: 6 hrs

- Complete both classes:
PPE 3003 Personality Theory and Research and 3 hrs
SYP 3510 Sociology of Deviant Behavior 3 hrs

Required Courses (9 hrs)

- CLP 4390 Forensic Psychology 3 hrs
- SOP 3751 Legal Aspects of Psychology 3 hrs
- SYP 3520 Criminology 3 hrs

Restricted Electives (12 hrs)

- Note: It is the student's responsibility to meet all prerequisites for every course selected

Psychology: Select from the following: 3 hrs

- CLP 3143 Abnormal Psychology 3 hrs
- CLP 3302 Clinical Psychology 3 hrs
- CLP 4134 Childhood Psychopathology 3 hrs
- PCO 4203 Interviewing and Counseling 3 hrs

Sociology: Select from the following: 6 hrs

- SYP 3511 Sociology of Murder 3 hrs
- SYP 3530 Juvenile Delinquency 3 hrs
- SYP 3540 Sociology of Law 3 hrs
- SYP 3562 Patterns of Domestic Violence in Society 3 hrs
- SYP 4514 Patterns of Violence in Society 3 hrs
- SYP 4521 Crime Victims in Society 3 hrs
- SYP 4536 Gangs and Society 3 hrs

Criminal Justice: Select from the following: 3 hrs

- CJE 4012 Criminal Profiling in Criminal Justice 3 hrs
- CJE 4630 Serial Murder and Criminal Justice 3 hrs
- CCJ 3014 Crime in America 3 hrs
- CCJ 3024 Criminal Justice System 3 hrs
- CCJ 3667 Victims and the CJ System 3 hrs
- CCJ 4670 Women and Crime 3 hrs

- CCJ 4681 Domestic Violence and the Justice System 3 hrs
- CCJ 4690 Sex Offenders and the Criminal Justice System 3 hrs

Foreign Language Requirements

- None

Total Semester Hours Required

- 33

Other Requirements

- No credit by exam (TSD, Military credit) may be used.
- Internship, Co-op, or Independent Study credit cannot be used toward the certificate without prior consent.
- Lower division courses do not substitute for upper division courses.