



Program Approval Form

For approval of new programs and deletions or modifications to an existing program.

Action Requested:

- Create New (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
- Inactivate Existing
- Modify Existing (check **ALL** that apply)

- Title (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
- Concentration** (Choose one): Add Delete Modify
- Degree Requirements
- Admission Standards/ Application Requirements
- Other Changes: _____

Type (Check one):

- B.A. B.S. Minor
- Master's
- Ph.D.
- Undergraduate Certificate*
- Graduate Certificate*
- Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Other:

College/School: Department:
 Submitted by: Ext: Email:

Effective Term: Fall **Please note:** For students to be admitted to a new degree, minor, certificate or concentration, the program must be fully approved, entered into Banner, and published in the University Catalog.

Justification: (attach separate document if necessary)

Students learn necessary knowledge from PSYC 325 in the beginning of PSYC 381. We do not want to create additional barriers for students to declare the concentration.

| | Existing | New/Modified |
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| Program Title: (Required) Title must identify subject matter. Do not include name of college/school/dept. | BA/BS in Psychology | |
| Concentration(s): | Forensic Psychology | |
| Admissions Standards / Application Requirements: (Required only if different from those listed in the University Catalog) | | |
| Degree Requirements: Consult University Catalog for models, attach separate document if necessary using track changes for modifications | PSYC 325 is a required course for the concentration. | Remove PSYC 325 from course offerings for the forensic psychology concentration. (see attachment) |
| Courses offered via distance: (if applicable) | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: | 18 | 15 |

*For Certificates Only: Indicate whether students are able to pursue on a Full-time basis Part-time basis

Approval Signatures

Department _____ Date _____ *Shannon W. [Signature]* College/School _____ Date _____

If this program may impact another unit or is in collaboration with another unit at Mason, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

| Unit Name | Unit Approval Name | Unit Approver's Signature | Date |
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For Undergraduate Programs only

Undergraduate Council Member _____ Provost Office _____ Undergraduate Council Approval Date _____

For Graduate Programs Only

Graduate Council Member _____ Provost Office _____ Graduate Council Approval Date _____

Catalog Language Modification:

Concentration in Forensic Psychology (FPSY)

Students pursuing the BS with concentration in forensic psychology take 15 credits. Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.00 in all coursework applied to the concentration.

Students who successfully complete the Psychology Department Honors Program (PSYC 490 Psychology Honors I, PSYC 491 Psychology Honors II, and PSYC 492 RS: Psychology Honors III) with an honors thesis/project focused on forensic psychology may, with approval of their thesis committees and the associate chair for undergraduate studies, substitute their honors work for one course in the concentration.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| <u>PSYC 100</u> | Basic Concepts in Psychology (<u>Mason Core</u>) | 3 |
| <u>PSYC 325</u> | Abnormal Psychology | 3 |
| <u>PSYC 380</u> | Introduction to Forensic Psychology | 3 |
| <u>PSYC 381</u> | Mental Illness and Criminal Justice | 3 |
| Select two courses from the following: | | 6 |
| <u>PSYC 382</u> | Psychology of Crime Victims | |
| <u>PSYC 440</u> | Forensic Psychology: Science and Pseudoscience | |
| <u>PSYC 441</u> | Criminal Behavior: Psychological and Neurological Aspects | |
| <u>CRIM 100</u> | Introduction to Criminal Justice (<u>Mason Core</u>) | |
| <u>PSYC 461</u> | Special Topics ¹ | |

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| <u>PSYC 462</u> | Selected Topics in Forensic Psychology ¹ | |
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| Total Credits | | 15 |
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Course List

¹ Requires Undergraduate Associate Chair approval.
