

B.S. in Forensic Psychology

Focused on applying psychological research and evidence-based practices to the legal field, the Forensic Psychology program brings together many of Embry-Riddle's strengths in areas such as applied psychology, social and behavioral research, and forensic sciences. Outside of the classroom, students have opportunities to mentor juvenile offenders, volunteer within local civil and criminal justice systems, conduct hands-on research, participate in professional networking, and present at scientific conferences.

At the **Prescott Campus**, the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Psychology provides students with a broad background in psychological and forensic sciences through lab experiences, coursework, and mentorship.

Students combine psychological training with a solid foundation in forensic science and the U.S. legal system. This training focuses on building knowledge of the behavioral and social sciences and the role they play in understanding and predicting human behavior.

Forensic Psychology students also have opportunities to work in the Forensic Science Laboratory, which offers space to learn forensic science techniques and carry out investigations related to criminal and civil cases. In addition, the campus is home to the Cold Case Task Force, where students can participate and partner with law enforcement and other agencies to investigate unresolved cases.

Outside of the classroom, students have opportunities to mentor juvenile offenders, volunteer within local civil and criminal justice systems, conduct hands-on research, participate in professional networking, and present at scientific conferences. Upon graduation, students are prepared to pursue careers in forensic psychology, clinical psychology, psychiatric counseling, and crime analysis, or to continue their education in a master's or doctoral program in psychology.

Program-Level Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Analyze issues in forensic psychology and the intersection of psychology with the legal system.
- Apply best practice guidelines, legal standards, and ethical conduct in various civil and criminal forensic settings.
- Apply theoretical foundations of psychology, with a focus on the convergence of psychology and the law.
- Apply fundamental research methods to evaluate issues pertinent to psychology and the impact of laws and policies.
- Compare contextual and developmental influences on individual and group behavior and diversity of perspectives when evaluating and intervening with forensic psychology populations.
- Communicate effectively at a level appropriate to forensic audiences.
- Collaborate effectively in multi-disciplinary teams.
- Apply technology proficiently in forensic settings.

Prescott Program Requirements

General Education Requirements	36
Core Requirements	47
Specified Electives	18
Open Electives	19
Total Credits	120

Program Details

The Bachelor of Science in Forensic Psychology program requires successful completion of a minimum of 120 credit hours. The program may be completed in eight semesters, or four years, assuming

appropriate background and full-time enrollment. Students pursuing this undergraduate degree must earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.00 for all work completed at the University. Students are encouraged, but not required, to complete a minor field of study. The courses necessary to earn this degree are listed below.

Students should be aware that many courses have prerequisites and/or corequisites. Students are responsible for ensuring that all prerequisite and degree requirements are met prior to enrollment in advanced coursework.

General Education Requirements

Communication	9
COMM 122 English Composition	
Humanities - Lower Level	3
Social Sciences - Lower Level	3
PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology	
Humanities/Social Sciences - Lower or Upper Level	3
Humanities/Social Sciences - Upper Level	3
Computer Science/Information Technology	3
Mathematics	6
Physical/Life Sciences	6
BIOL 120 Foundations of Biology I	
BIOL 120L Foundations of Biology I Laboratory	
Total Credits	36

Core Requirements

Common Core

PSYC 103	Professional Development in Psychology	1
PSYC 226	Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences *	3
PSYC 323	Research Design *	3
PSYC 323L	Research Methods Laboratory *	1
PSYC 445	Tests and Measurements Theory	3
PSYC 490	Psychology Capstone	3
Total Credits		14

* PSYC 226 (<https://catalog.erau.edu/programs/undergraduate/bachelors/aviation-psychology/>) and PSYC 323 (<https://catalog.erau.edu/programs/undergraduate/bachelors/aviation-psychology/>) / PSYC 323L (<https://catalog.erau.edu/programs/undergraduate/bachelors/aviation-psychology/>) are rigorous, foundational courses in the field of psychological sciences. Therefore, both must be taken at ERAU to ensure students receive the highest quality of instruction and benefit from the university's unique academic resources.

Basis of Psychology

PSYC 310	Sensation and Perception	3
or PSYC 335	Physiological Psychology	
or PSYC 315	Cognitive Psychology	
PSYC 345	Training and Development	3
or PSYC 350	Social Psychology	
or PSYC 401	Psychology of Leadership	
PSYC 354	Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC 365	Abnormal Psychology	3
Total Credits		12

Forensic Psychology Core

Choose Five of the Following Courses:

FRSC 220 & 220L	Investigative Methodology and Forensic Science and Investigative Methodology and Forensic Science Laboratory	4
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PSYC 302	Victimology	3
PSYC 306	Psychology of Deception Detection	3
PSYC 313	Psychological Profiling: Theory and Critique	3
PSYC 336	Forensic Psychology	3
PSYC 337	Criminality	3
PSYC 412	Drugs, Society, and Crime	3
Upper-Level PSYC Courses with Forensic Psychology Focus (Approved by Chair)		3
Total Credits		15

Law and Legal System

SOSC 200	Introduction to the U.S. Legal System	3
SOSC 308	Courts and Criminal Justice	3
Total Credits		6

Designated Electives

Choose Six of the Following Courses:		
ACCT 329	Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination	3
CPSC 304	Introduction to Computer Forensics	3
GSIS 342	Interview Techniques and Tactics	3
GSIS 352	White Collar Crime	3
SOSC 411	Procedural Laws and Evidence	3
Upper-Level PSYC Courses *		3
Total Credits		18

* May take up to six PSYC upper-level courses

Open Electives

Open Electives	19
Total Credits	19

Suggested Plan of Study

Year One

Requirements	Credits
COMM 122 - English Composition	3
Mathematics	3
Humanities/Social Sciences - Lower or Upper Level	3
Open Elective	3
PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology	3
UNIV 101 - College Success	1
Semester Hours	16

Requirements	Credits
BIOL 120 - Foundations of Biology I	3
BIOL 120L - Foundations of Biology I Laboratory	1
Humanities - Lower Level	3
Mathematics	3
PSYC 103 - Professional Development in Psychology	1
PSYC 354 - Developmental Psychology	3
Open Elective	3
Semester Hours	17

Total Credits

Total Hours for All Requirements: 33

Year Two

Requirements	Credits
Computer Science/Information Technology	3
Physical/Life Sciences	2
PSYC 310 - Sensation and Perception, 335 - Physiological Psychology, or 315 - Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC 365 - Abnormal Psychology	3
SOSC 200 - Introduction to the U.S. Legal System	3
Semester Hours	14

Requirements	Credits
Communication	3
Open Elective	3
PSYC 345 - Training and Development, 350 - Social Psychology, or 401 - Psychology of Leadership	3
PSYC 226 - Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences	3
Designated Elective	3
Semester Hours	15

Total Credits

Total Hours for All Requirements: 29

Year Three

Requirements	Credits
Communication	3
Open Elective	3
SOSC 308 - Courts and Criminal Justice	3
PSYC 323 - Research Design	3
PSYC 323L - Research Methods Laboratory	1
Forensic Psychology Core	3
Semester Hours	16

Requirements	Credits
Designated Elective	3
Humanities/Social Sciences - Upper Level	3
Open Elective	3
Forensic Psychology Core	3
Forensic Psychology Core	3
Semester Hours	15

Total Credits

Total Hours for All Requirements: 31

Senior Year

Requirements	Credits
Designated Elective	3
Forensic Psychology Core	3
PSYC 445 - Tests and Measurements Theory	3
PSYC 490 - Psychology Capstone	3
Semester Hours	12

Requirements	Credits
Designated Elective	3
Designated Elective	3
Designated Elective	3
Forensic Psychology Core	3
Open Elective	3
Semester Hours	15

Total Credits

Total Hours for All Requirements: 27