

# FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

## Program Description

The **Forensic Psychology Concentration** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in forensic psychology, psychology, criminal justice, or a related field.

This concentration explores the intersection of psychology and the legal system. Students examine human behavior within criminal and civil justice contexts, including topics such as criminal behavior, mental health and the courts, victimization, ethics, and the social factors that influence justice outcomes. Coursework emphasizes research methods, critical thinking, data analysis, and the application of psychological principles to real-world legal and public service settings.

The program combines a strong foundation in psychology with focused study in criminal justice systems, preparing students for advanced academic work in behavioral science and justice-related fields.

## Transfer Information

The Forensic Psychology concentration is structured to align with bachelor's degree programs in forensic psychology, psychology, criminal justice, criminology, or related disciplines.

Students are encouraged to work closely with faculty and Advising & Transfer Services to ensure coursework aligns with the requirements of their intended transfer institution. Students planning to transfer within New Jersey should explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer ([www.njtransfer.org](http://www.njtransfer.org)) to review articulation agreements and institutional requirements.

Because many professional roles in forensic psychology require graduate study, early academic planning and strong academic performance are strongly recommended.

## Career Information

The A.S. in Behavioral Science and Public Service – Forensic Psychology Concentration is designed primarily for transfer. A bachelor's degree is typically required for entry-level roles in related fields, and many forensic psychology careers require graduate or doctoral study.

With further education, graduates may pursue careers such as:

- Forensic Psychologist (with advanced degree)
- Behavioral Analyst
- Victim Advocate
- Probation or Parole Officer
- Court Liaison or Case Manager
- Law Enforcement or Federal Agency Professional

Students are encouraged to consult with faculty and Career Services early in their academic journey to explore long-term academic and professional pathways. OCC students may also use Focus2 Career

through Ocean Connect to research forensic and behavioral science careers.

Fall One		Credit Hours
Any STSC - Student Success Seminar course <sup>1</sup>		2
ENGL 151	English I	3
PSYC 172	General Psychology	3
SOCI 181	Introduction to Sociology	3
CRIM 150	The Criminal Justice System	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
Spring One		Credit Hours
ENGL 152	English II	3
CSIT 110	Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications	3
BIOL 114 & 114L	Principles of Biological Science Lecture and Principles of Biological Science Lab	4
PSYC 271	Abnormal Psychology	3
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
Fall Two		Credit Hours
PHIL 190	Introduction to Critical Thinking	3
PSYC 174	Personality Theory	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/">https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/</a> )		3
Elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring Two		Credit Hours
CRIM 236	Criminology	3
PSYC 273	Adolescent Psychology	3
POLI 101	Global Issues	3
PSYC 278	Life Span Development	3
History Gen. Ed. Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/">https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/</a> )		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> A variety of STSC -Student Success Seminar courses are available.