Minor in Forensic Psychology

Forensic is defined as “evidence” or “relating to, used in, or appropriate for courts of law.” This minor looks at forensic issues from both psychological and criminal justice perspectives. The minor is suitable for criminal justice majors or any individual wishing to pursue a background in psychology and criminal justice. The minor also would be good preparation for those individuals wishing to pursue pre-law or social work and for individuals considering graduate coursework in forensic psychology.

A minor in Forensic Psychology requires 21 hours, including the following:

- CJ 1310 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3
- CJ 2360 Fundamentals of Criminal Law 3
- CJ 3329 Forensic Evidence 3
- PSY 3315 Abnormal Psychology 3
  or PSY 3316 Personality Psychology
- PSY 3331 Social Psychology 3
- PSY 3335 Forensic Psychology 3
- Select one of the following: 3
  - ANTH 3380 Forensic Anthropology
  - CJ 4340 Crime Theory and Victimization
  - SOCI 3343 Criminology
  - An elective approved by the Department

Total Hours 21

Psychology majors pursuing the forensic psychology minor cannot double count courses toward their major and the minor. Enrollment in the required PSY courses assumes that non-psychology majors will have completed PSY 1300 as part of their social science core curriculum component. If not, PSY 1300 is a prerequisite for PSY 3315, PSY 3316, PSY 3331, and PSY 3335. The prerequisite requirements for CJ 3329 and CJ 4340 will be waived only for students pursuing this minor. This is justified by the fact that students will be exploring many of the issues covered in those requisite courses in the psychology coursework portion of the minor.