

<b>Program:</b>	Psychology	<b>Dept:</b>	Psychology
<b>Major:</b>	Psychology - Forensic Psychology	<b>College:</b>	Education and Professional Studies
<b>Degree:</b>	Master of Science (M.S.)	<b>Major Code:</b>	3812

### Psychology - Forensic Psychology, M.S.

The master's degree in Forensic Psychology prepares students for careers in intelligence analysis and criminal investigation at the local, state, and federal levels of law enforcement. The program emphasizes scientific research in experimental psychology and applications to forensics issues. This is a non-clinical program that trains students in quantitative methods of scientific inquiry.

The Forensic Psychology major requires a minimum of 37 graduate credit hours. In addition to the core courses required for all Psychology M.S. students, a student exercising the Forensic Psychology major must also enroll in the Forensic Psychology course work and additional course work as required by the advisory committee. A student enrolled in this major must submit a thesis in partial fulfillment of their degree requirements. The student's advisory committee, with the addition of one faculty member from outside the department, will constitute the reading committee for the master's thesis. The member from outside the department will, at the request of the student, be appointed by the graduate dean along with confirmation of the total committee as the thesis is begun. The master's thesis is a research project which has the potential for publication in a psychological journal. For clarification of what qualifies as research in the field of psychology and for matters of concern regarding the design and reporting of research, the student is referred to the publication manual of the American Psychological Association.

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### Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies  
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404  
Edmond, OK 73034

- Admission to the Graduate Forensic Psychology Program is for **Fall semester only**. Application **Deadline is January 15**. Online application for admission ([www.uco.edu/graduate/](http://www.uco.edu/graduate/)).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show:
  - A minimum 2.75 GPA AND a minimum 3.0 in the student's major, or in the 60 hours attempted.
  - Completion of 21 undergraduate hours in psychology including a course in Advanced Statistics: SPSS or an equivalent course and FRSC 2503.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).
- Graduate Record Examination scores.
  - A preferred GRE score of at least 290 on the combined verbal reasoning and quantitative sections and a minimum of 3.5 on the analytical writing section. Combined verbal reasoning and quantitative scores above the median are strongly preferred.
- A personal statement describing the student's academic interests and prior academic experiences for use in identifying potential capstone mentors (maximum 500 words) should accompany the application.
- Two letters of recommendation that describe the applicant's academic preparation, research potential, and readiness for graduate college should accompany the application. Letters of recommendation are requested through the online application

portal.

### Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor's and master's degree programs (see [Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196](#)).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings.
- The undergraduate student must be classified as "senior" standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year).
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student's undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

### Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Students must complete a plan of study during their first semester, which they must then file immediately with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS). The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Students must meet the following course work standards:
  - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher; and
  - No more than six (6) hours of "C" shall be applied to the degree; and
  - No grade below "C" will be applied to the degree requirements.
  - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Thesis. Enroll in PSY 5990, complete an acceptable Thesis, and successfully defend it in public in accordance with the guidelines of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

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### Graduation Requirements

#### Core Psychology Coursework..... 18 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5143	Advanced Developmental Psychology
PSY	5193	Experimental Design
PSY	5623	Theories of Personality
PSY	5563	Advanced Social Psychology
PSY	5633	Cognitive Psychology
PSY	5783	Behavioral Neuroscience

#### Forensic Psychology Required Coursework ..... 18 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5183	Psychology and Law
PSY	5383	Multivariate Analysis w/SPSS
FRSC	5863	Expert Witness
FRSC	5223	Behavior and Crime Scenes
FRSC	5233	Forensic Interview Techniques
FRSC	5XX3	Elective

#### Capstone Experience ..... 1 Hour

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5990	Thesis

#### TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED ..... 37 HOURS

#### Accelerated Degree Pathway: BS to MS

Students expecting to graduate with an undergraduate degree in Psychology from UCO may apply during the last semester of their junior year (or within 30 hours of graduation) for application to the Accelerated Degree Program in Psychology — Forensic Psychology M.S. if they have a 3.0 overall GPA. If accepted to the Accelerated Degree Program, students may take up to 9 graduate hours during their senior year that will count toward both the Psychology bachelor's degree as upper-elective credits as well as the Psychology — Forensic Psychology M.S. degree. The following graduate courses are approved for dual credit: PSY 5623, 5383, 5653, 5193, and 5143.