

# Minor in Forensic Psychology

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The Forensic Psychology Minor provides students with a cross-disciplinary understanding of the relationship between psychology and the legal system. Students explore how psychological principles are applied in criminal investigations, legal proceedings, and correctional settings. Further, our program emphasizes how inequality intersects with crime and criminal justice and covers topics such as criminal behavior, mental health assessments, victimology, the psychological impact of crime, and the impact of structural inequality on criminality and criminal justice. We prepare students to analyze the psychological factors, group and social context as well as structural inequalities influencing behavior and legal outcomes. Ideal for students pursuing careers in psychology, law, criminal justice, or social work, this minor fosters critical thinking and ethical awareness, equipping students to address complex issues within both forensic psychology and the broader criminal justice system.

Student will need to talk with an advisor in psychology to declare the minor

## University Core Curriculum Requirements

General Education Distribution Area	Cr. Hrs.
<b>Fine Arts (FA)*</b>	6
2 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: Art, CMT (Mass Media or Theatre), Music (includes Dance).	
<b>Humanities (HU)*</b>	9
3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: CMT (Communication), English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Women's and Gender Studies, World Languages and Cultures, (Note: No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.)	
<b>Behavioral/Social Sciences (SB)*</b>	9
3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: African & African American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, Justice Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work	
<b>Natural Sciences (NS and NSL)**</b>	9
3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study; one course must have a laboratory component (NSL): Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physics (Note: If an FYE ANTH that counts as Natural Science is taken, only one Biology course may be used for Natural Science).	

### Engaged Learning Experiences

Students must complete, at Northeastern, three courses designated as Engaged Learning Experiences courses. One of the Engaged Learning Experiences courses must be at the 300-level, and one Engaged Learning Experiences course must be designated as "Boundary Crossing".

### Discipline Specific (ELE-DS)

These courses have pre-requisites that are specific courses within a program of study. Discipline Specific courses give students a deeper understanding of how knowledge is created and applied in their field.

### Boundary Crossing (ELE-X)

These are courses that cross disciplinary boundaries and/or cross boundaries through engagements outside the classroom or University allowing students to see how knowledge gained in one field might inform other fields or other aspects of society.

### Math/Quantitative Reasoning (MA)

1 Math course, that has intermediate Algebra as prerequisite OR is a course listed on the General Education Distributive Learning List of Approved Courses. Any 3 hour college level math course, beyond Intermediate Algebra, meets this requirement.

\* Majors in Fine Arts, Humanities or Social/Behavioral Sciences, may waive up to 6 credit hours of General Education requirements in the corresponding distribution area.

\*\* Majors in Natural Sciences may waive up to 9 credit hours of General Education requirements in the Natural Sciences distribution area.

Students should also be aware of all other university requirements to obtain a degree - NEIU requirements (<http://catalog.neiu.edu/graduation-requirements/bachelors-degree/>)

REQUIRED: 21-22 credit hours

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC-200	General Psychology *	4
PSYC-329	Criminal Minds: The Psychology Of Criminal Behavior	3
JUST-201	Introduction To The Criminal Justice System	3
JUST-312	Theories Of Criminal Behavior	3
SOC-304	Sociology Of Law	3
SOC-316	Race And Ethnic Relations	3
1 Elective based on advisor approval		3

\* General Psychology/Introduction to Psychology transfers will be accepted and may be 3 credit hours

Code	Title	Hours
<b>ELECTIVE COURSES</b>		
JUST-311	Women, Crime, And The Criminal Justice System	3
JUST-316	Crime, Violence And Culture	3
JUST-317	White Collar Crime & Elite Deviance	3
JUST-318	Gangs In Chicago	3
JUST-319	Latinos/as & The Criminal Justice System	3
JUST-326	Juvenile Justice System	3
JUST-334	Criminal Law And Procedure	3
JUST-338	Introduction To Human Rights	3
JUST-357	Social Justice, Mental Health, And The Law	3
SOC-329	Sociology Of Violence	3
PSYC-340	Clinical Psychology And Mental Health	3
PSYC-354	Seminar In Drug Abuse	3
PSYC-360	Social Psychology	3