

Forensic Psychology

(AS General Studies with Concentration in Forensic Psychology)

(Transfer Option)

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At a Glance

The focus of this degree is an examination of the interaction between the disciplines of psychology and the criminal justice system. This degree explores how human behavior is directly related to the legal process. The Forensic Psychology degree is designed for students who wish to pursue a four-year degree in forensic psychology or related fields such as victim advocate, court liaison, crime analyst, forensic case manager, probation officer, psychological assistant and/or investigative researcher. Associate level positions are as follows: Classification officer, corrections, victim services shelter assistant, child advocacy center, and entry level counseling positions at mental health facilities.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, **Employment for psychologists in the U.S. is expected to increase by 6% between 2021 and 2031**, which is the average growth rate for all jobs in the country. Alabama ranks number 32 out of 50 states nationwide for Forensic Psychologist salaries, with an average salary \$77,009 (\$37.02 hourly). This is the equivalent of \$1,480/week or \$6,417/month. While ZipRecruiter is seeing salaries as high as \$124,175 and as low as \$37,162, the majority of Forensic Psychologist salaries currently range between \$53,000 (25th percentile) to \$100,600 (75th percentile) with top earners (90th percentile) making \$116,924 annually in Alabama.

General Education Core courses and professional core courses are taken at WSCC and then transferred to a four-year institution. As students' progress through the curriculum, contact must be made with the four-year institution to ensure that guidelines are met before transfer.

Alabama Transfers will provide specific transfer information to specific majors at each state-funded four-year institution. Once a student chooses a major and a place of transfer, individualized guide and contract can be created. The Alabama Transfers website can be accessed from the Wallace State homepage.

Program: [General Studies](#)

AS FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY - Guided Pathway/Map

1st Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ORI 110	Freshman Seminar	1
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
PSY 200	General Psychology	3
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology	3
CRJ/SOC 208	Introduction to Criminology	3
CRJ/PSY 222	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

2nd Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 280	Brain, Mind, and Behavior	3
PSY 207	Psychology of Adjustment	3
SOC 210	Social Problems	3
PSY 208	Contemporary Issues in Psychology	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

3rd Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PHL 206	Ethics and Society	3
MUS 101	Music Appreciation	3
BIO 103	Principles of Biology I	4
ENG 251	American Literature I	3
HIS 201	United States History I	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

4th Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 252	American Literature II	3
BIO 104	Principles of Biology II	4
MTH 112	Precalculus Algebra	3
CRJ 177/SOC 217	Criminal and Deviant Behavior	3
CRJ 238	Crime Scene Investigation	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16
	Total credits:	63