

# 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 of forensic psychologists is expected to grow 19% through 2024, which is much faster than average. This growth will add 32,500 psychologists to the workforce. Alabama is the 5th highest paying state in the nation, with an average salary \$85,400 (\$41.08 hourly). According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Alabama forensic psychologist salaries are ranked as follows: entry level \$28,600, mid-career \$92,400 and experienced \$109,200.

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.

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## AS FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY - Guided Pathway/Map

### 1st Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ORI 110	Freshman Seminar	1
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
CRJ/PSY 222	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	3
PSY 200	General Psychology	3
BIO 103	Principles of Biology I	4
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Sub-Total Credits	17

## 2nd Semester

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CRJ 177/SOC 217	Criminal and Deviant Behavior	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
CRJ 238	Crime Scene Investigation	3
MTH 112	Precalculus Algebra	3
PHL 206	Ethics and Society	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

## 3rd Semester

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
PSY 280	Brain, Mind, and Behavior	3
PSY 207	Psychology of Adjustment	3
CRJ/SOC 208	Introduction to Criminology	3
ENG 251	American Literature I	3
HIS 201	United States History I	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

## 4th Semester

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENG 252	American Literature II	3
SOC 210	Social Problems	3
PSY 208	Contemporary Issues in Psychology	3
BIO 104	Principles of Biology II	4
MUS 101	Music Appreciation	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16
	<b>Total credits:</b>	<b>63</b>