Suggested 4-year Course Pathway Worksheet

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE WITH POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

Forensic Psychology Advising Track

Instructions: For spaces with multiple course options, choose the first option. If that course has already been completed, choose the next option. Go through each option in order until choosing an elective.

FALL SEMESTER		JANUARY INTERIM TERM	SPRING SEMESTER	
***FRESHMAN (total hours = 31)**				
☐ ETHS 1101	3 hr.	☐ Interim Required on Campus	☐ ETHS 1102	1 hr.
☐ ENGL 1101	3 hr.		☐ ENGL 1102	3 hr.
☐ PSYC 1101 or 3302	3 hr.		☐ MATH 1101 or PSYC 2298/2200	3 hr.
☐ MATH 0100 or 1101 (based on initial placement)	3 hr.		☐ PSYC 3350	3 hr.
☐ Modern Language (based on initial placement)	3hr.		☐ Modern Language	3 hr.
	15 hr.	**3 hr.**		**13 hr.**
***SOPHOMORE (total hours = 30)**				
☐ BIOL 1101 or 1107/L (depending on interest in other BIOL courses)	4 hr.	☐ Interim On Campus Or Interim Online Or PSYC 4000 Internship	☐ BIOL 1102/L or 1108/L	4 hr.
☐ PSYC 1005	1 hr.		☐ PSYC 2299	4 hr.
☐ PSYC 1006	1 hr.		☐ Artistic Expression	3 hr.
☐ PSYC 2298/2200 or RLGN 1104	4 hr.		☐ POLS 2210	3 hr.
☐ POLS 1102	3 hr.	**3 hr.**		**14 hr.**
	13 hr.			
JUNIOR (total hours = 30)				
☐ PSYC 3321	3 hr.	☐ PSYC 4000 Internship	☐ MATH 1114	3 hr.
☐ PSYC 4465 or 4455	3 hr.		☐ PSYC 4405 or 3360	3 hr.
☐ RLGN 1104	3 hr.		☐ PSYC 4400	3 hr.
☐ POLS 3300	3 hr.		☐ POLS 3312 or 3313	3 hr.
☐ BIOL 3373	4 hr.			
	16 hr.	**2 hr.**		**12 hr.**
SENIOR (total hours = 31)				
☐ PSYC 4901	3 hr.	☐ Interim On Campus Or Interim Online Or Interim Travel Or PSYC 4000 Internship Or PSYC 4400 Guided Research	☐ PSYC 4902	1 hr.
☐ PSYC 4465 or 4455	3 hr.		☐ PSYC 3360 or PSYC 4405	3 hr.
☐ PSYC 4000	3 hr.		☐ BIOL 3384	4 hr.
☐ PSYC 3351	3 hr.		☐ POLS 2220	3 hr.
☐ POLS 3310 or 3314	3 hr.			
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Total Number of Credit Hours 122

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Forensic Psychology Advising Track

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Information on career path…

This specific configuration of PSYC major plus a POLS minor will help prepare students for graduate level education in Forensic Psychology.

A political science minor is not required for students who wish to enter clinical psychology, but an understanding of biology is desirable. Other options include Sociology, Criminology, and Biology.

What is Forensic Psychology?

Forensic Psychology is a relative new career path. American Psychological Association (APA) first gave formal recognition to forensic psychology in 2001. Professionals in this area work in clinical practices, correctional and mental health facilities, courtrooms, and law enforcement. They are scientific professionals who are trained in diagnosing and treating psychological difficulties. Forensic psychologists specialize in applying their training and education to provide court-ordered evaluations on subjects like criminology, testify as part of depositions and trials, and consult with law enforcement officials.

Many students are drawn to forensic psychology because of the interest in "criminal profiling." The reality is that most law enforcement agencies do not use criminal profiling procedures, and those who may use similar procedures are more likely to employ law enforcement personnel rather than a forensic psychologist.

Importance of research and internship…

Internships are a proven way to gain relevant knowledge, skills, and experience while establishing important connections in the field. Gaining real-life experience is especially important for individuals interested in this career path. There are often difficult situations or topics that psychologists face. By completing internships, students can see some of the issues firsthand and decide if the career is still the right path for them. Students in this program will complete at least 1 internship, with room for more if possible.

In this field, research is key. As indicated above, students will be applying to clinical psychology programs, whose main goal is to produce clinicians who think like researchers. Therefore, you must show the admission committee that you have a firm foundation in research. Students in this program will complete at least 2 independent research project and 1 group research project. It is also very important to present this research at conferences and work towards publishing the findings.

Information on graduate school…

While this is a unique career path, it shares a graduate school curriculum with clinical psychology. It isn't until you choose your internships and post-doc experiences that you differentiate yourself as a forensic psychologist.

You are recommended to complete a clinical psychology program from the APA to become a forensic psychologist. Clinical psychology graduate programs will take 5-6 years to complete, ending with a year-long predoctoral internship in a new location. To obtain a license to practice or a faculty position, most complete 1-2 additional years of post-doctoral work.

While there are some masters level programs in forensic psychology, the discipline has not clearly defined what job prospects are open for students with only a master's degree. It may be possible to complete this before moving on to the doctorate but might lead to a longer graduate school duration.

The admission process for clinical psychology programs is known for being very competitive. Students need to maintain high GPAs (3.5+) and provide evidence of research. In most cases, multiple research projects and conference presentations are required. While clinical experience is a good addition to your application, research is by far more important.

Additional opportunities beyond program requirements…

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PSYC 4470 Behavioral Analysis
PSYC 4901 Psychological Science Capstone I
PSYC 4902 Psychological Science Capstone I

POLS 1101 US Government
POLS 2210 Comparative Politics
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POLS 3300 Research Methods in Political Science
POLS 3310 State and Local Government
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POLS 3313 American Judicial Institutions
POLS 3314 American Constitutional Law
BIOL 3373 Genetics
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Suggested 4-year Course Pathway Worksheet

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