

MSc Forensic Psychology

The MSc Forensic Psychology is a unique programme designed to prepare students for numerous diverse or specific careers within the general context of the Criminal Justice System. The programme is built around the fundamental theoretical, methodological and applied areas of Forensic Psychology.

In terms of the programme philosophy, the MSc Forensic Psychology reflects the academic skills underpinning the application of psychology to a forensic setting. It provides a strong emphasis on the application of Forensic Psychology in professional practice and how theoretical concepts are applied. Furthermore, the programme attends to victims and offenders. With regard to the latter, it follows the progression of an offender from their first contact with the criminal justice system until their eventual release into the community and/or transfer to conditions of less security. Attention is given to the victim and pre-trial issues (including civil justice). The role of on-going assessment, intervention and through-care are emphasised throughout the curriculum.

To foster professional growth, the programme places a strong emphasis upon developing professional report writing and presentation skills, methodological rigour, research expertise, independent learning and critical thinking. To facilitate this, students will be exposed to a learning and research environment that is rich in mentoring opportunities from members of the programme team with academic and/or practical forensic experience.

Within the programme, students holding an undergraduate degree in Psychology have the option to take the practical experience module, which includes 1000 hours of supervised practical training.

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MODULES	SEMESTER	ECTS
COMPULSORY		
Advanced Methods in Psychology	1&2	20
Advanced Forensic Psychology Project	YL	20
Psychology and the Legal System	1	7.5
Personal Attributes of Offenders and Victims	1	7.5
Forensic Risk Assessment	1	10
Professional Practice: Forensic Consultancy and Supervision	2	5
Psychology, Investigation and the Courtroom	2	10
Violent and Sexual Offenders: Intervention	3	5
Forensic Mental Health	3	5
OPTIONAL		
Practical Experience	Y2	40

CAREER OPTIONS

The course covers a range of forensic psychology topics and allows candidates to strengthen the knowledge and skills that are essential for becoming Certified Forensic Psychologists. The course has been specifically designed to reflect the academic skills required to apply psychology to a forensic setting, including universities, prisons, secure hospitals, probation, police services and the courts.

Overall, the course can prepare students for numerous diverse or specific careers in the public as well as the private sector. It provides graduates with the necessary skills and knowledge to pursue careers within the general context of the Criminal Justice System. Students who complete the practical experience module (1000 hours of supervised training) will be able to become registered Forensic Psychologists and practise the profession in Cyprus.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- > Students should have a minimum of an upper second class honours degree in Psychology or an equivalent Psychology qualification (to continue with the Practical year).
- > Students with a degree that does not confer to Psychology but has a good match of curriculum (forensic and criminological science), and/or with a relevant lower second class honours degree, but showing a good final year performance, including a good quality dissertation/research project, will be considered on an individual basis.
- > IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.

