



# M.A. FORENSIC & LEGAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Master of Arts in Forensic & Legal Psychology program is designed to prepare students for doctoral training in clinical/forensic or experimental/applied legal psychology. Students will be trained in clinical assessment and psychological testing, the diagnosis of psychopathology, research design, and statistical analysis and program evaluation.

Anchored by significant research experiences and a comprehensive thesis, the program provides a strong foundation for students wishing to earn a Ph.D. in psychology and law or a related discipline. Students begin supervised research in the first semester, working directly with a faculty member on directed research. Many students will publish their work or present at national conferences.

## The Master of Arts in Forensic & Legal Psychology seeks to:

- Prepare graduate students for further academic training at the doctoral level (Ph.D.) in applied, clinical, experimental, or legal psychology
- Provide students with training in research design, statistical analysis, and forensic assessment
- Provide students with directed research experiences that will promote and develop professional skills in forensic psychology
- Provide students with the requisite skills to design and analyze quality research projects

**Credits** 45

**Time to Completion**  
Two Years

**CAMPUS LOCATION**  
Bristol, Rhode Island

### Who It's For

Students looking to pursue future Ph.D. study in forensic or legal psychology and related areas

**Course Load**  
Full-time only

### Key Features

Directed research and research practicums with opportunities to publish with faculty and present at regional and national conferences

### Application Deadline

February 1  
for Scholarship Consideration

February 15  
General Application Deadline

**Roger Williams  
University**  
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

# CURRICULUM

## Required Core Courses: 33 credits

PSYCH 501 Research Design  
PSYCH 502 Quantitative Methods I  
PSYCH 503 Forensic Psychology  
PSYCH 504 Psychology and Law  
PSYCH 505 Introduction to Clinical Assessment  
PSYCH 510 Quantitative Methods II  
PSYCH 521 Adult Psychopathology  
PSYCH 528 Proseminar in Social Psychology  
PSYCH 532 Multicultural Competence in Psychological Practice  
PSYCH 536 Proseminar in Cognitive Psychology  
PSYCH 550 Professional Ethics in Psychology

## Directed Research: 6 credits

PSYCH 596 Directed Research I  
PSYCH 596 Directed Research II

## Thesis: 6 credits

PSYCH 597 Thesis I  
PSYCH 597 Thesis II

**(MINIMUM OF 45 CREDITS)**

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications to the program are due by February 15 for fall admission. Students should have an undergraduate degree in psychology, criminal justice, or a related field and have satisfactorily completed coursework in research methods and statistics to be considered.

To apply, applicants must submit the following items to the Office of Graduate Admission:

1. Completed application form accompanied by the \$50 application fee
2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework
3. Letter of Intent (two double-spaced pages maximum) describing your interest in Forensic Psychology, career goals, and how you can positively contribute to the graduate program at Roger Williams University
4. Official report of Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores sent directly by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The ETS School Code for Roger Williams University is 3729.
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation from academic faculty attesting to your potential to succeed in graduate school
6. Research Writing Sample, generally of 10 or more pages in length, demonstrating your ability to prepare, execute, and present your research.
7. If your first language is not English, an official report of TOEFL or IELTS results

To read more about the application process and how to submit your materials, please visit [grad.rwu.edu/apply](https://grad.rwu.edu/apply).

## SAMPLE PH.D. PLACEMENTS

- Florida International University
- Fordham University
- Michigan State University
- Sam Houston State University
- University of Nevada - Reno
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Toledo

## RESEARCH PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

- Brown University Warren Alpert Medical School
- Lifespan
- University of Massachusetts Medical School

## EMPLOYERS

- AdCare Hospital
- Air Force Office of Special Investigations
- Day One Sexual Assault and Trauma Recovery Center
- Donald W Wyatt Detention Center
- Family Service Association
- Lifespan
- Massachusetts Department of Children and Families
- North American Family Institute, Inc.
- Riverbend Community Mental Health, Inc.
- South Bay Mental Health Center