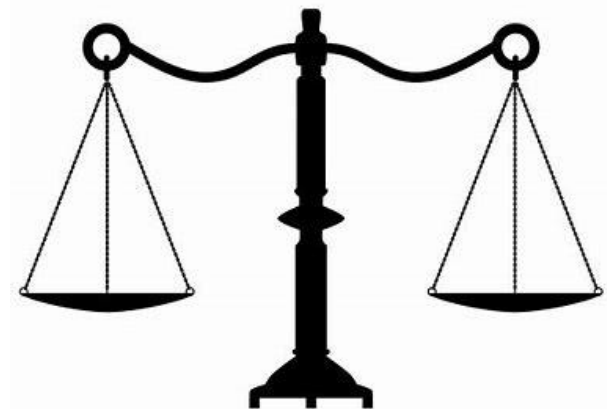


# A Career in Forensic Psychology

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# 1 What is Forensic Psychology?

**A branch of Applied Psychology that is concerned with the collection, examination and presentation of evidence for judicial purposes.**

More specifically, it is concerned with the assessment & treatment of offenders, the criminal justice system, rehabilitation.

Case formulations on offenders. Advice to judges, parole boards

Evidence & expertise for other professions such as; Police, Probation, Courts, Prison, Judges, Ministers

# What do Forensic Psychologists do?

Design and delivery of  
Offending Behaviour  
Programmes;  
Sexual/Violence

Assessment &  
management of risk &  
dangerousness

Development of  
prison regimes,  
Prisoner Development  
Programmes



Court reports/Expert  
Evidence

Training, Research,  
Evaluations of  
Interventions

Rehabilitation of  
offenders

Work with life  
sentence prisoners/  
Parole work

## Inform Decision Making

### Expert Resource for Specialist Assessment

Criminal courts, solicitors, parole boards, police, health and social care agencies, risk assessment, motivation to address offending behaviour, therapeutic interventions, sentencing recommendations, capacity and fitness to stand trial.

### Treatment & Rehabilitation

Offence focused/ Mental Health/ Personality Disorder/  
Trauma

### Practitioner

- Direct involvement with client
- Advises on disposal and treatment
- Management of difficult clients
- Rehabilitation/therapeutic process & evaluation of outcome

## **Problems of Violence/Domestic Abuse**

Behavioural control &  
cognitive intervention

## **Mental Health Issues**

Psychosis &  
dangerousness, learning  
disability/Personality  
Disorder

## **Sexual Offending Violent Offending Life Sentenced Prisoners**

**Young Offenders**

**Women Offenders**

**Arsonists**

**Drug Related Offending  
Stalking**

**Problem Solving  
Justice Courts**

Can you provide a violence risk assessment and opinion on level of risk an individual poses ?

Can a treatment plan for an offender be carried out during a noncustodial sentence?

Any psychological factors relevant to the prisoner which could justify bail?

Can a risk assessment be conducted to determine suitability for community-based supervision?

Is the defendant fit to plead/stand trial?

## **What is the risk of sexual re-offending?**

Can you complete a **risk assessment** on our client with a view to assessing suitability for a move to supervised accommodation in the community?

Can you give an account of the defendant's **mental state** leading up the alleged offence and what role did the individual's mental state impact on their offending?

Can you advise on a risk **management strategy** for this individual?

# Who employs Forensic Psychologists?



**Probation and Prison Services**



**Special Hospitals**



**Regional Secure Units**



**Youth Treatment Centers**



**Police Forces**



**Health Authorities**



**Universities**



# How do I become a Forensic Psychologists?

**Undergraduate BA/BSc in Psychology**



**Applied Masters/Doctorate** in Forensic Psychology i.e. Clinical, Educational, Occupational plus Diploma in Forensic Psychology



**MSc/Doctorate in Forensic Psychology (Stage 1)**



**BPS Chartership / HCPC Registration (Stage 2)**



**Trainee Forensic Psychologist**



**Qualified Forensic Psychologist**

## **Module 1: Psychology, the Legal System & Criminology**

Psychology & the Legal Process

Introduction to Criminology

Explaining crime

Victims of crime

Punishment

## **Module 2: Psychology of Criminal Behaviour**

Cognition & Crime

Social Factors

Criminal Behaviour & Theory

Personality & Crime

Brain injury & offending

Violent offending

## **Module 3: Psychology & Investigation**

Offender Profiling & Crime Scene Analysis  
Memory & interviewing  
Evaluating evidence  
Psychology & confessions  
Assessment of mental state  
Policing

## **Module 4: Psychology & the Court**

Expert psychological testimony  
Jury Behaviour  
Child Witness in Court  
Reasoning & decision making  
Eyewitness memory

## **Module 5: Treatment & Offenders**

**A**ssessment & treatment of mentally  
disordered offenders  
**A**ssessment & treatment of violent  
offenders & sex offenders  
**A**ssessment & treatment of young  
offenders

## **Module 6: Research Methods & Dissertation**

# BPS Accredited Forensic Courses

All Accredited Forensic Psychology Programmes by BPS & HCPC

MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 ForenPsyD Doctorate in Forensic Psychology Practice  
 Doctorate in Forensic Clinical Psychology  
 MSc Criminological Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 Doctorate Doctorate in Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology & Crime  
 MSc Investigative and Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology and Mental Health  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic and Criminological Psychology  
 D.Foren.Psy Professional Doctorate in Forensic Psychology  
 D.Foren.Psy Professional Doctorate in Forensic Psychology (Top-up)  
 DPsych Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Applied Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Applied Criminology Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology Practice  
 MSc Investigative Psychology (full time campus-based)  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic and Legal Psychology  
 MSc Applied Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Investigative and Forensic Psychology (London campus)  
 MSc Investigative Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology  
 Doctorate Forensic Psychology  
 MSc Forensic Psychology

**University of Bedfordshire**  
**Birmingham City University**  
**University of Birmingham**  
**University of Birmingham**  
**University of Birmingham**  
**Cardiff Metropolitan University**  
**Cardiff Metropolitan University**  
**University of Central Lancashire**  
**Coventry University**  
**Coventry University**  
**University of Liverpool**  
**Manchester Metropolitan University**  
**University of Manchester,**  
**Middlesex University**  
**Newcastle University**  
**Nottingham Trent University**  
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**University of Portsmouth**  
**University of Portsmouth**  
**Royal Holloway**  
**Sheffield Hallam University**  
**Teesside University**  
**University of Winchester**  
**University of York**  
**Birkbeck University of London**  
**University of Birmingham**  
**University of Huddersfield**  
**University of Leicester**  
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**University of Leicester**  
**University of Liverpool**  
**University of Liverpool**  
**London Metropolitan University**  
**London Metropolitan University**  
**University of Surrey**

# 4 BPS Accredited Forensic Courses



# Stage 2 Chartership

## **British Psychological Society Qualification in Forensic Psychology**

**Four Core Roles** : CR1: Conducting Psychological Applications

: CR2: Research

: CR3: Communicating Psychological Knowledge

: CR4: Training in Psychological Skills and Knowledge

- 2-4 Years duration to complete and gain Chartered Status
- **Forensic Psychology Health Care Professions Council Accredited Programmes**
- University of Cardiff/ Nottingham/Coventry and others across UK

# Questions?

