CERTIFICATED CONCENTRATION IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

CBU offers the option of pairing the MS in Counseling Psychology with an abbreviated, complementary version of the Forensic Psychology program as a certificated concentration. This concentration establishes an excellent balance between traditional counseling, theory and skills and a specialized understanding of the legal and judicial system. Students will be prepared to function as effective clinicians in a variety of professional counseling and forensic settings by completing 18 additional units.

Dr. Anne-Marie Larsen, Director of the Graduate Program in Forensic Psychology, is also available to answer questions about the concentration. Dr. Larsen can be reached at 951-343-4761 or via e-mail at alarsen@calbaptist.edu.

18 UNITS TOTAL

Required courses (12 units):

- FPY 530- Advanced Social Psychology- 3 units *(Summer, beginning SU'13)*
  Survey of theory, method, and research results in areas of social psychology, such as attitude formation and change, social perception/ cognition, impression formation, social influence, interpersonal attraction and relationships, aggression and pro-social behavior, and group dynamics. Application in areas such as criminal behavior, legal settings, or neurobehavioral psychology will also be included.

- FPY 540- Psychology, Law & Ethics- 3 units *(Spring)*
  This course covers relevant laws and ethical issues affecting forensic psychologists practicing in California. It is designed to instill a broad understanding of the issues/areas within the field of forensic psychology. This broad understanding will include the areas of psychology, law, criminal justice, and forensic mental health. Students will be given the opportunity to gain this basic knowledge and will be expected to critically analyze theories, policies, research, and practices within the field of forensic psychology.

- FPY 595- Special Topics in Forensic Psychology- 3 units *(Spring)*
  This course is designated to be an in-depth seminar on a selected topic within Forensic Psychology.

- CJS 530- Theories & Perspectives of Criminal Behavior- 3 units *(Summer)*
  A study in the traditional and theoretical schools of criminology. Theories relating to individual abnormality and theories relating to cultural influences are examined. Theories of the causes of delinquency and data on delinquent behavior including gangs, minor and major criminal actions and methods of correction are also covered.

And choose 2 courses from the following (6 units):

- CJS 510- Legal Research & Reasoning- 3 units *(Fall)*
  This course provides an introduction to legal research methods, including state and federal reported cases, digests, annotated codes, state and federal

administrative regulations, and computerized legal research, as well as an introduction to the writing of case briefs and memoranda. This course is also an advanced examination of aspects of evidence acquisition, evaluation, and preservation with special consideration of the legal context including its use in the trial process. This course is designed to provide additional insights concerning the proper use of evidence and its admissibility.

- CJS 520- Advanced Criminal Law- 3 units *(Spring)*
  Graduate level course on the nature of criminal law; philosophical and historical development; major definitions and concepts; classification of crime; elements of crimes and penalties using California and federal statutes as illustrations; defenses to criminal responsibility; criminal responsibility.

- CJS 560- Criminal Investigation- 3 units *(Summer, beginning SU'13)*
  This course will examine elements of criminal investigation, including crime scene preservation, evidence collection and interviewing. To bring these two topics (investigation and report writing) together, students will also be exposed to various concepts of criminal law, search and seizure and police procedures.

- FPY 510- Biological Bases of Behavior- 3 units *(Fall, beginning FA'13)*
  This course examines the biological bases of behavior and learning through the lifespan, including the fundamentals of neuroanatomy, brain development, neuropsychology, neurophysiology, neurochemistry, psychopharmacology and temperament.

- FPY 520- Criminal Profiling- 3 units *(Spring, beginning SP'14)*
  This course is meant to teach graduate students the fundamentals of reconstructing the serial offenders' motives and intent through examination of psychological evidence left by perpetrators at crime scenes. This course incorporates a multifaceted approach to psychological profiling utilizing criminal investigative skills, social psychological principles, and advanced research methodology.