



How to Apply to Transfer into the Applied Forensic Psychology Program

The Applied Forensic Psychology program is new for 2020. It is a direct-entry program, meaning that students apply to the program when they apply to the university. Students who are enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science at StFX and who would like to take Applied Forensic Psychology are eligible to apply to transfer into the program. Acceptance to the program is based on both academic performance and possession of interpersonal skills suitable for work vulnerable populations (e.g., justice-involved, mental health and addictions).

The steps to do so are outlined here:

1. Submit Application Form and Current Transcript:

The Letter of Intent is a 1-2 page form in which you outline your interest and relevant experience in working in the fields of criminal justice and/or mental health; your reason(s) for applying; evidence of why you would make a good candidate for the program.

Your transcript (which should include your midterm grades) can be requested from the Registrar's Office. To order a transcript, follow the instructions at this link: <https://www2.mystfx.ca/registrar-office/transcript-requests>

Both the transcript (scanned) and the letter of intent are to be submitted to mwatt@stfx.ca. You will receive an official email from the Program Coordinator, Dr. Margo C. Watt, indicating whether or not you are eligible to transfer into the program.

2. Submit Program Transfer Form and Declaration Form:

The Program Transfer form is found in the Registrar's Office Service Catalogue. You can access the service catalogue by navigating to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y3gug5w>. Click on the green "Service Catalogue" button. Then, select "Registrar's Office". That will take you to a menu of forms for appeals, applications, letters of permission, and withdraw requests. Select "Application to Change Programs" and complete the form.

Before a final determination on whether you'll be accepted into the program is made, you must complete a program declaration form. You will complete either a [BA Major](#) for or a [BSc Major](#) form (if you want to complete an Honours program, you will need to wait and apply for an Honours at the end of your second year). Your declaration form should indicate what courses you will complete to meet both the applicable program and degree requirements. Consult the Academic Calendar as necessary and make an appointment with Academic Advising if you are struggling to complete the form.

Note: Do *not* fill out the form for the Forensic Psychology *concentration*. This is different than the program and you will need to fill out a standard BA Major or BSc Major form (linked above). A Joint Major is not available for Applied Forensic Psychology.



The declaration form will need to include the following requirements to meet the Applied Forensic Psychology Program Requirements. Please note that your declaration form will also need to meet your chosen degree's requirements:

PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science	3 Credits
PSYC	102	Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science & Profession	3 Credits
PSYC	110	Forensic Psychology	3 Credits
PSYC	257	Professional Skills Training & Practicum I	3 Credits
PSYC	291	Research Methods in Psychology	3 Credits
PSYC	292	Introductory Statistics for Psychological Research	3 Credits
One of: PSYC 210: Learning PSYC 220: Cognitive Psychology PSYC 225: Sensation and Perception PSYC 230: Brain and Behaviour			6 credits
PSYC	356	Forensic Practicum II	3 Credits
PSYC	376	Abnormal Psychology	3 Credits
PSYC	379	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	3 Credits
PSYC	381	Forensics: Correctional	3 Credits
PSYC	456	Forensic Practicum III	3 Credits
PSYC	382	Forensics: Law	3 Credits
One of: PSYC 364- Psychology of Gender PSYC 365- Developmental Social Psychology of Gender PSYC 367- Basics of Psychopharmacology PSYC 368- Pharmacology of Drugs of Abuse PSYC 372- Cultural Psychology PSYC 373- Human Neuropsychology PSYC 378- Human Sexuality			3 credits

Your declaration form needs to be signed by Dr. Margo C. Watt and reviewed by the Dean of Arts (Dr. Karen Brebner). It is your responsibility to have the form signed by Dr. Watt, scan it, and email it to Dr. Brebner's Administrative Assistant, Navneet Kaur (nkaur@stfx.ca), in the Dean of Arts office.

You will receive an email informing you of whether or not your transfer application has been approved from the Dean of Arts' office. Your enrolment in the Applied Forensic Psychology program is considered official only once you have received the approval from both Dr. Watt and the Dean of Arts' office.



If you are accepted into the Applied Forensic Program, be aware that there is a supplemental yearly fee, which is used to fund things like field trips and other program activities. The fee is \$275. While field trips and other program activities may vary from year to year based on logistical considerations, here are examples of potential field trip and practicum opportunities you might access as a student in the Applied Forensic Psychology program:

- Federal and provincial correctional facilities
- Supreme and provincial courts
- Mental Health, Wellness, and Indigenous Courts
- Law offices
- Policing agencies
- Community-based organizations (servicing homeless and other vulnerable populations)
- Community-based practitioners (counsellors and social workers)
- Elizabeth Fry and John Howard Societies
- Nova Scotia Archives
- Innocence Canada

The yearly fee will be applied to your student account at the start of the next academic year. Students who are in financial need should be able to apply for a bursary to help further offset the costs of participation in the program. The availability of bursaries is dependent on funds available and based on the needs of individual students, all of which will be communicated closer to the start of next year once details are available.