

Minor in Forensic Science



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The new minor is tailored towards criminal justice majors interested in pursuing investigative or non-laboratory-based careers in forensic science (e.g., Crime Scene Investigators) and science majors who may have an interest in more traditional (laboratory-based) careers in forensic science.

The minor in forensic science is most suitably paired with (but not limited to) the following majors:

- Criminal Justice
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Nursing
- Computing Science
- Psychology

The structure of the minor is sufficiently flexible to meet the diverse needs of both criminal justice and science majors. Students must complete 18 credit hours from the following list of courses, of which at least six credits must be 400 <4000> level courses.

Course Number	Title
CRIJ 2362	Criminology (3)
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals of Criminal Law (3)
CRIJ 2368	Criminal Investigation (3)
CRIJ 2394	The Courts and Criminal Procedure (3)
FORS 3366	Forensic Science (3)
FORS 3380	Introduction to Forensic Chemistry (3)
FORS 4310	Physical Evidence Techniques (3)
FORS 4320	Fundamentals of Forensic Biology (3)
FORS 4330	Fingerprint Examination (3)
FORS 4364	Crime Scene Investigation Techniques (3)
FORS 4380	Ethics and Professional Practice (3)

Courses required for the major cannot count towards this minor. Online and classroom offerings are available.

The minor in forensic science will appeal to students majoring in other areas that have a general interest in forensics, intend to apply for graduate programs in forensic science, or pursue investigative or forensic career paths.

The forensic science minor offers great flexibility for a diverse range of forensic interests and career goals. Students are able to select 18 credit hours from online course offerings.

Example course pairings for students with investigative and science-based interests are shown below:

Investigative focus:

CRIJ 2368	Criminal Investigation (3)
FORS 3366	Forensic Science (3)
FORS 4310	Physical Evidence Techniques (3)
FORS 4330	Fingerprint Examination (3)
FORS 4364	Crime Scene Investigation Techniques (3)
FORS 4380	Ethics and Professional Practice (3)

TOTAL: 18 credit hours

Science focus:

FORS 3366	Forensic Science (3)
FORS 3380	Introduction to Forensic Chemistry (3)
FORS 4310	Physical Evidence Techniques (3)
FORS 4320	Fundamentals of Forensic Biology (3)
FORS 4364	Crime Scene Investigation Techniques (3)
FORS 4380	Ethics and Professional Practice (3)

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