

Forensic Science - MINOR

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A minor in Forensic Science introduces interested students from all disciplines and majors at the university to the field of forensic science. Through a secondary area of inquiry independent of their academic major, students apply an interdisciplinary scientific approach to their critical thinking and problem-solving skills; they gain the knowledge and ability to use logic, construct arguments and analyze data to solve complex problems. The curriculum engages students in traditional instructional and learning modalities as well as practical hands-on applications from various applied learning and experiential educational experiences. This minor prepares students for graduate school or careers in law enforcement, government, health sciences, or crime scene investigation.

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Courses *

BIO1011 & BIO1016	General Biology - Cellular and General Biology Laboratory - Cellular	4
CHM1000 or CHM1022	Foundations in Chemistry General Chemistry II	3
CHM1006 or CHM1026	Foundations in Chemistry Laboratory General Chemistry II Laboratory	1
CHM2050 or CHM2022	Introduction to Organic Chemistry Organic Chemistry II	3
CHM2056 or CHM2026	Introduction to Organic Chemistry Laboratory Organic Chemistry II Laboratory	1
CJS4045 or PSYC3040	Criminalistics with Lab ** Introduction to Neuropsychology and Psychopharmacology	3
CJS4065	Advanced Topics in Criminalistics with Lab ***	3
Total Credits		18.0

* Students are responsible for meeting prerequisites.

** Criminal Justice majors who choose to minor in Forensic Science are required to take PSYC3040 Introduction to Neuropsychology and Psychopharmacology to satisfy the minor's credit requirement due to CJS4045 Criminalistics with Lab being a core required class.

*** Criminal Justice majors who choose to minor in Forensic Science are only allowed to use CJS4065 Advanced Topics in Criminalistics with Lab to satisfy the minor's requirement; they cannot use CJS4065 Advanced Topics in Criminalistics with Lab as a major elective requirement as well.

If a minor course is listed as a major course in a student's major program, the student must choose additional courses from an elective list to complete the minor. Please see the Minors, Specializations and Certificates page for additional information.