

FORENSIC SCIENCE, B.S., CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION CONCENTRATION TO CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, M.A. ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Saint Louis University's Forensic Science B.S., Crime Scene Investigation concentration students are a natural fit for this accelerated B.S. to the Criminology and Criminal Justice, M.A. program. Students interested in on-the-scene forensics work (crime scene investigation, fingerprint processing, investigation), typically in police agencies and government agencies, can obtain an advanced degree with only one additional year of schooling.

The program would also allow SLU students in forensic science to gain a better understanding of the criminal justice process. In addition, students gain more opportunities for professional advancement in their future careers vs. individuals with a bachelor's degree.

Students accepted into the program will be allowed to take four classes in the M.A. program (12 credits – two in the fall and two in the spring) during their senior year which allows them to complete the M.A. in just one additional year of study. These CCJ classes taken at the 5000 or 6000 level are taken once the student achieves senior status and would count towards the CCJ electives required for the bachelor's crime scene investigation concentration.

For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Forensic Science, B.S. Crime Scene Investigation Concentration (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary/forensic-science-bs/>)

Criminology and Criminal Justice, M.A. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/social-work/criminology-criminal-justice-ma/>)

Requirements

Admission Requirements

Students who have a minimum overall GPA of 3.00 in the Forensic Science Major classes, are eligible to apply to the accelerated master's program after obtaining 75 credits (ie. junior status and typically during the spring semester of their third year of a traditional four year degree plan).

Upon provisional and conditional acceptance to the M.A. program, students select a concentration in the M.A. and begin coursework.

Program Requirements

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count towards the CCJ electives required for the bachelor's crime scene investigation concentration (see course requirements).

Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

Roadmap notes:

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
CHEM 1110	General Chemistry 1 ¹	3
CHEM 1115	General Chemistry 1 Laboratory ¹	1
BIOL 1240	General Biology: Information Flow and Evolution ¹	3
BIOL 1245	Principles of Biology I Laboratory ¹	1
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar	2-3
CORE 1500	Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community	1
Elective		3
Credits		14-15
Spring		
FRSC 2600	Survey of Forensic Science	3
CORE 1900	Eloquentia Perfecta 1: Written and Visual Communication	3
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
BIOL/CHEM/PSY Elective ²		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
FRSC 2800	Professional Issues in Forensic Science	3
STAT 1300	Elementary Statistics with Computers	3
BIOL/CHEM/PSY Elective		3
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3
CORE 1200	Eloquentia Perfecta 2: Oral and Visual Communication	3
Credits		15
Spring		
FRSC 3625	Forensic Chemistry for the Investigator	2
CORE 2500	Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation	0
BIOL/CHEM/PSY Elective		3
FRSC	CSI concentration elective	3
Electives		9
Credits		17

Year Three**Fall**

FRSC 3635	Forensic Biology for Investigators	2
FRSC 3500	Forensics and Law	3
FRSC 3400	Digital Forensic Investigation	3
BIOL/CHEM/PSY	Elective	3
CORE 2800	Eloquentia Perfecta 3: Creative Expression	2-3
Elective		3
Credits		16-17

Spring

FRSC 3640	Fingerprints	3
FRSC 3650	Forensic Laboratory Techniques for the Investigator	1
ANTH 3280	Forensic Anthropology	3
CORE 3400	Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture	3
FRSC	CSI concentration elective	3
Elective		3
Credits		16

Year Four**Fall**

FRSC 4550	Crime Scene Investigation	2
FRSC 4551	Crime Scene Investigation Laboratory	1
Forensics Internship/Capstone/Research		3
Elective		3
CCJ 5XXX/6XXX	courses	6
Credits		15

Spring

FRSC 4650	Advanced Crime Scene Reconstruction	2
FRSC 4651	Advanced Crime Scene Reconstruction Laboratory	1
FRSC 4750	Forensic Science Senior Seminar	1
Elective		3
CCJ 5XXX/6XXX	courses	6
Credits		13

Total Credits **121-123**

¹ Students can also take two semesters of Gen Bio (I and II) or two semesters of Gen Chem (I and II).

² Students should take PSY 1010 in year one if planning to take PSY classes to fulfill elective requirement or can continue on in Gen Bio II and/or Gen Chem II for additional BIOL/CHEM credits.

Contact Us

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