

FORENSIC SCIENCE (Interdepartmental)

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The College of Arts and Sciences offers an interdisciplinary minor in forensic science. The minor affords students the opportunity to gain foundation-level exposure to the various sciences from which forensic applications are derived. Students will acquire broad-based knowledge and skills in a combination of areas such as biology, chemistry, anthropology, criminology, sociology, environmental science and law. The minor is designed to prepare students for future graduate education and/or on the job training in specialized fields within forensic science; examples include but are not limited to search and recovery of human remains, human identification, crime scene investigation, evidence collection and/or laboratory analyses.

Requirements for a Minor in Forensic Science: A minor in forensic science requires 21 hours, distributed as one 3-hour core course, and 18 hours of electives including at least one course in each of two groups (Group 1: (A) Biology or (B) Chemistry, and Group 2: Social-Behavioral Sciences).

Core: ANT 211

Group 1: Option (A) Biology, or Option (B) Chemistry

Option (A) Biology: BIO 240, 241, 335, BIOL 335, BIO 488

Option (B) Chemistry: CHM 380, 417

Group 2: Social and Behavioral Sciences

ANT 207-ANTL 207, ANT 326-ANTL 326, ANT 426; CRM 255 (SOC 255), 320, 380, 381_385, CRM 495.
Criminalistics; EVS 362 (BLA 362)

Some 400-level courses focusing on forensic science, such as directed independent study, seminars, or honors work, may substitute for courses in Group 2 if approved by the coordinator. Students must have at least a "C" (2.00) average in all courses counted for the minor. Many courses listed above have prerequisites and or co-requisites, which do not count for the minor but may satisfy basic study requirements or other major requirements.