



MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM

With the increasing demand for scientific evidence in the justice system there is an equal demand for educated professionals able to substantiate scientific evidence in legal proceedings. Our Master of Science degree program satisfies federal and state educational standards, enabling our graduates to enter a career in the forensic sciences with professional skills and knowledge.

Our Forensic Science Graduate Program is a two-year, FEPAC accredited, academic program leading to a Master of Science in Forensic Science degree. The program includes a five-semester core curriculum with thesis and non-thesis options. A standardized curriculum in the core disciplines of forensic science is assured with FEPAC accreditation. FEPAC accreditation recognizes and distinguishes our superior quality Forensic Science Graduate Program. Admission to our Forensic Science Graduate Program is highly selective, with about 20 students selected each year.

In addition to the core curriculum, students are offered four areas of emphasis which allow them to obtain specialized education and hands-on training. Students may select any combination of the emphases to complete in the five-semester program. The four areas of emphasis include Crime Scene Investigation, Digital Forensics, DNA Analysis, and Forensic Chemistry.



DNA ANALYSIS: Forensic DNA Analysts serve as faculty for courses while providing select students with real-world experience in our working Forensic DNA Laboratory. This emphasis exceeds the DNA Advisory Board standards by requiring a total of 12 graduate-level credit hours.



FORENSIC CHEMISTRY: Students interested in pursuing careers in forensic drug analysis, toxicology, and trace evidence will benefit from the completion of this emphasis. Some agencies may require 30 or more hours of chemistry coursework, the Forensic Chemistry Emphasis provides education and hands-on training exceeding federal and state guidelines.



DIGITAL FORENSICS: Graduate students participate in hands-on investigations in preparation for careers in this burgeoning discipline. Forensic software is used to image digital storage and those images are analyzed using a variety of software programs. Mobile forensics is emphasized in our courses as well as investigation of personal computers and gaming devices.



CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION: This emphasis provides students with the hands-on experiences needed to excel in CSI as a career. Our Crime Scene House allows students to obtain real-world experience through the completion of mock crime scene exercises. Upon completion of this emphasis, students qualify to sit for the IAI Basic Student Knowledge in Crime Scene Examination.