

Forensic Science, Minor

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Description

Forensic science encompasses the application of a diverse range of specialties to the legal system.

A minor in forensic science from the School of Interdisciplinary Forensics equips students with a fundamental understanding of the basic principles of forensic science, modern laboratory practices, evidence-based critical thinking, and comprehensive knowledge of the ethical and practical considerations involved in case reports and testimony in this field. Additionally, electives within the minor offer the opportunity to explore the specific forensic applications associated with any particular major or chosen career path. As such, this minor prepares students for a wide variety of potential applications of their degree in a suite of diverse employment opportunities that are in high demand.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#)

Program requirements

[2024 - 2025 Minor Map](#)

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The minor in forensic science consists of 15 credit hours of coursework, of which a minimum of nine hours must be upper division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be completed through courses offered by the School of Interdisciplinary Forensics. Credit hours may not be shared between major and minor requirements. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the minor must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

Core Requirements -- 11 credit hours

[FOR 286: Principles of Forensic Science](#) (4)

FOR 370: Fundamentals of Forensic Analysis (4)

FOR 410: Testimony and Ethics in the Forensic Sciences (L) (3)

Upper Division Electives -- 4 credit hours

Choose 1-3 courses to complete at least four credit hours of upper-division electives.

FOR 350: Computer Forensics (3)

FOR 375: Forensic Botany (4)

FOR 377: Forensic Analytical Chemistry Laboratory (2)

FOR 380: Analysis of Nonhuman Forensic DNA Evidence (3)

FOR 394: Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (3)

FOR 394: Wildlife Forensics (3)

FOR 400: Comparative Forensics (3)

FOR 401: Forensic Toxicology (3)

FOR 402: Forensic Biology (3)

FOR 403: Comparative Forensics Laboratory (1)

FOR 404: Forensic Toxicology Laboratory (1)

FOR 405: Techniques in Forensic Biology Laboratory (1)

FOR 414: Fundamentals of Forensic Entomology (4)

FOR 423: Forensic Chemistry (3)

FOR 447: Molecular Genetics Laboratory (1)

FOR 480: Advanced Topics in Human Forensic DNA Typing (3)

FOR 494: Advance Scene Mapping and Recovery (1)

FOR 494: Forensic Chemistry Lab (1)

FOR 494: Human Osteology and Forensic Techniques (4)

FOR 494: Molecular Biology (3)

LSC 475: Principles of Toxicology (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BS in forensic science

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Students can learn about science and law enforcement in other countries through [study abroad](#). Being immersed in another culture broadens horizons and develops professional skills such as cross-cultural communication and critical thinking.

Career opportunities

Scientific and technological advances in the field of forensic science as well as continually increasing caseloads in law enforcement are projected to increase the number of forensic science technicians needed over the next decade. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that between 2016 and 2026, employment of forensic science technicians will increase 17%, an average increase much greater than in most occupations.

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