Master of Science in Forensic Science

Admission Requirements

In addition to the admission requirements of the School of Graduate Studies, the following requirements must be met by all applicants:

1. A bachelor's degree in natural science, forensic science, or equivalent from an accredited college or university.
2. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 in all undergraduate coursework.
3. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies' English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.
4. Pre-requisite Coursework:
    - Fundamentals of Chemistry (including laboratories)
    - Organic Chemistry or Survey of Organic Chemistry (including laboratories)
    - Biology (including laboratories)
    - Physics (including laboratories)
    - Calculus | Applied Calculus
    - Statistics | Bioinformatics

Additional Requirements

- Personal statement (1-2 pages) detailing your interest in forensic science, relevant experiences, and career goals.
- Writing sample in a peer-reviewed publication where the applicant was the lead author (of, at most, three authors) or a 1-2-page essay demonstrating analytical and writing skills on any forensic science related topic.
- Two letters of recommendation from professors or employers familiar with your academic or professional work.
- Upon receipt and evaluation of the application package, suitable candidates may be invited for a final interview with the graduate committee.

Degree Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 42 credit hours.
2. At least one-half of the credits must be at or above the 500-level.
3. A maximum of one-fourth of the credit hours may be transferred from another institution.
4. Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0

Code	Title	Credits
FS 520	Advanced Seminar in Forensic Sciences	4
FS 530	Quality Assurance and Ethical Conduct in Forensic Science	4
FS 540	Law and Forensic Sciences	4
FS 550	Crime Scene Investigation and Analysis of Pattern Evidence	3
Emphasis in Forensic Biology		
FS 570	Biological Evidence and Serology	4
FS 580	Criminalistics: Biology	4
FS 590	Forensic Microbiology	3
Emphasis in Forensic Chemistry		
FS 575	Controlled Substances	4
FS 585	Advanced Fire Debris Analysis	4
FS 594	Forensic Microscopy	3

Non-Thesis Option

Code	Title	Credits
FS 997	Independent study in forensic science	4
Electives in FS, SMHS, BIOL, PHYS OR CHEM		12

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Credits
FS 998	Research Thesis	9
Electives in FS, SMHS, BIOL, PHYS OR CHEM		7