



Course Approval Form

For approval of new courses and deletions or modifications to an existing course.

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Action Requested:

Create new course Delete existing course

Modify existing course (check all that apply)

Title Credits Repeat Status Grade Type

Prereq/coreq Schedule Type Restrictions

Other: _____

Course Level:

Undergraduate

Graduate

College/School: **Department:**

Submitted by: **Ext:** **Email:**

Subject Code: **Number:** **Effective Term:** Fall Spring Summer

(Do not list multiple codes or numbers. Each course proposal must have a separate form.)

Year

Title: Current Banner (30 characters max including spaces)

New

Credits: Fixed Variable or **Repeat Status:** Not Repeatable (NR) Repeatable within degree (RD) Repeatable within term (RT) Maximum credits allowed:

Grade Mode: Regular (A, B, C, etc.) Satisfactory/No Credit Special (A, B C, etc. +IP)

Schedule Type Code(s): Lecture (LEC) Lab (LAB) Recitation (RCT) Internship (INT)

Independent Study (IND) Seminar (SEM) Studio (STU)

Prerequisite(s): **Corequisite(s):**

Instructional Mode: 100% face-to-face Hybrid: ≤ 50% electronically delivered 100% electronically delivered

Special Instructions: (list restrictions for major, college, or degree; hard-coding; etc.)

Are there equivalent course(s)? Yes No

If yes, please list _____

Catalog Copy for NEW Courses Only (Consult University Catalog for models)

Description (No more than 60 words, use verb phrases and present tense)	Notes (List additional information for the course)
This course will acquaint the student with the application of scientific methods and the interaction it may have with legal principles. It will prepare, in a broad sense, the student for future applications of forensic science with its role in the administration of justice, and the ethical rules and duties under codes of professional conduct.	
Indicate number of contact hours: Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: <input type="text" value="3"/> Hours of Lab or Studio: <input type="text"/>	
When Offered: (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Spring	

Approval Signatures

Department Approval _____ Date _____ College/School Approval _____ Date _____

If this course includes subject matter currently dealt with by any other units, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Unit Name	Unit Approval Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

For Graduate Courses Only

Graduate Council Member _____ Provost Office _____ Graduate Council Approval Date _____

Course Proposal Submitted to the Curriculum Committee of the College of Science

1. COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE:

FRSC 303: Forensic Evidence and Ethics

Course Prerequisites: Admitted to Forensic Science Program, FRSC 200, and CRIM 100; or permission of instructor.

Catalog Description: (3:3:0)

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2. COURSE JUSTIFICATION:

Course Objectives:

The objectives of this course are for the student to have a better understanding of search and seizure procedures under the Fourth Amendment, as well as the parameters of being an expert witness and the roles of direct and cross examination.

Course Necessity:

This course will introduce students to basic understanding of the elements of criminal law that govern the admissibility of evidence and testimony in a court of law.

Course Relationship to Existing Programs:

The new Forensic program is rapidly growing with tremendous interest. There is no course that distinguishes forensic evidence and ethics from the other areas of forensic science.

Course Relationship to Existing Courses:

None

3. APPROVAL HISTORY: N/A

4. SCHEDULING AND PROPOSED INSTRUCTORS:

Semester of Initial Offering: Fall 2011

Proposed Instructors: Kimberly Carisi

5. TENTATIVE SYLLABUS: See attached.

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Instructor: Kimberly Carisi

Office Hours: By appointment

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Lecture Content:

1. The Relationship of Science and the Law
2. Revealing Truth
3. Criminal Law and Procedures
4. Forensic Science and Family Law
5. The Expert Witness
6. Trace and Firearm Examination
7. Midterm
8. Question Document Exam
9. Pathology
10. The Role of Forensic Epidemiology
11. DNA Evidence
12. Odontology
13. Behavioral Science
14. Final

Project:

Students will be required to write a project paper on a selected topic in forensic science.

Exams: The midterm exam will be an in-class, closed book exam that will cover the topics in the previous weeks lecture. The final will be comprehensive and in the same format.

Grades: 30% Midterm, 30% Final, 30% Project, 10% Participation

Required Text:

Forensic Science and Law: Investigative Applications in Criminal, Civil, and Family Justice, by Cyril Wecht and John Rago.