



# 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      **Year:**

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

**Title:** Current  Banner (30 characters max including spaces)  New

**Credits:** (check one)  Fixed  Variable       or  to

**Repeat Status:** (check one)  Not Repeatable (NR)  Repeatable within degree (RD)  Repeatable within term (RT)      **Maximum credits allowed:**

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

**Schedule Type Code(s):** (check all that apply)  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)
On the job experience for Forensic Science majors in industry or government laboratories or investigative units, or approved study programs with specific employers. Students work in observational, experimental, or theoretical research, and prepare weekly journals, as well as a written report at the end of the internship.	

**Indicate number of contact hours:** Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week:  Hours of Lab or Studio:

**When Offered:** (check all that apply)  Fall  Summer  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 790: Internship in Forensic Science**

**Course Prerequisites:** Admitted to Forensic Science Program or permission of instructor. See department for requirements and application procedure prior to enrollment.

## **Catalog Description:**

On the job experience for Forensic Science majors in industry or government laboratories or investigative units, or approved study programs with specific employers. Students work in observational, experimental, or theoretical research, and prepare weekly journals, as well as a written report at the end of the internship.

## **2. COURSE JUSTIFICATION:**

### **Course Objectives:**

The objectives of this course are to offer students the opportunity to enhance their academic coursework with field work that will substantively correlate with a discipline of forensic science. Students will participate in a supervised learning atmosphere in their field and keep and submit weekly learning journals describing these experiences, and analyze the operations of an agency, department, or unit while working with non-GMU faculty. Regular meetings with program faculty and site-supervisor's will be provided to ensure structure and guidance.

### **Course Necessity:**

The proposed course will expand the range of individual topics that can be selected by a student in the FS program. This course will allow learning beyond the classroom and give students the opportunity to develop an understanding of the relationship between theory and practice.

### **Course Relationship to Existing Programs:**

There are many internships similar to this design, but this course is only open to students in the forensic science program, and will cover research topics not currently covered at GMU.

### **Course Relationship to Existing Courses:**

None

## **3. APPROVAL HISTORY: N/A**

## **4. SCHEDULING AND PROPOSED INSTRUCTORS:**

**Semester of Initial Offering: Spring 2011**

**Proposed Instructors: Emily Rancourt**

## **5. TENTATIVE SYLLABUS: See attached.**

**FRSC 790**  
**Internship in Forensic Science**

**Prerequisites:** None

**Instructor:** Emily Rancourt

**Office Hours:** By appointment

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**Course Outline:**

A week syllabus cannot be detailed, because each placement, amount of time, and instructor could have a different focus. The prospective student will submit weekly journals as well as a final paper. The student will maintain periodic contact with their adviser to review progress.