



Program Approval Form

For approval of new programs and deletions or modifications to an existing program.

Action Requested:

Create New (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
 Inactivate Existing
 Modify Existing (check all that apply)
 Title (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
Concentration (Choose one): Add Delete Modify
 Degree Requirements
 Admission Standards/ Application Requirements
 Other Changes: _____

Type (Check one):

B.A. B.S. Minor
 M.A. M.S. M.Ed.
 Ph.D.
 Undergraduate Certificate*
 Graduate Certificate*
 Other: _____

College/School: **Department:**
Submitted by: **Ext:** **Email:**

Effective Term: Summer **Please note:** For students to be admitted to a new degree, minor, certificate or concentration, the program must be fully approved, entered into Banner, and published in the University Catalog.

Justification: (attach separate document if necessary)

	Existing	New/Modified
Program Title: (Required) Title must identify subject matter. Do not include name of college/school/dept.	Forensic Science M.S.	Forensic Science M.S.
Concentration(s):		
Admissions Standards / Application Requirements: (Required only if different from those listed in the University Catalog)		
Degree Requirements: Consult University Catalog for models, attach separate document if necessary using track changes for modifications	See attached form	See attached form
Courses offered via distance: (if applicable)		
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:		

*For Certificates Only: Indicate whether students are able to pursue on a Full-time basis Part-time basis

Approval Signatures

Department _____ Date _____ College/School _____ Date _____ Provost's Office _____ Date _____
Interdisciplinary Council Use Only

If this program may impact another unit or is in collaboration with another unit at Mason, 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 Programs Only

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

For Registrar Office's Use Only: Received _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____

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Changes in graduate requirements for the Master's in Forensic Science

Overview:

The primary change that is being made to FRSC 610 is to shift it from a 3 credit course to a 4 credit course. In delivering this course, we have discovered that the students need to take this research course in two semesters. This approach will provide a more valuable research experience as well as practical experience in forensic laboratory practices and methods. This approach is consistent with other graduate courses being offered here at GMU. In order to keep the Program credit hours at 33 credits, we have reduced FRSC 600 Seminar from being repeated three times, to two times. This modification changes the core credits from 18 to 17.

Current Requirements:

Forensic Science Courses (18 core credits)

FRSC 600 Forensic Seminar - Credits 1 (taken 3 times)

Forensic Science Elective Courses (12 credit hours)

No Changes

Research Component:

FRSC 610 Forensic Research Project – Credits (1-3)

Proposed Requirements:

Forensic Science Courses (17 core credits)

FRSC 600 Forensic Seminar – Credits 1 (taken 2 times)

Forensic Science Elective Courses (12 credit hours)

No Changes

Research Component:

FRSC 610 Forensic Research Project – Credits (1-4)