

Program Change Request

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Catalog Pages

Using this Program

[Forensic Science Minor](#)

In Workflow

1. **FRSC Chair**
2. SC Curriculum Committee
3. SC Assistant Dean
4. Assoc Provost-Undergraduate
5. Registrar-Programs

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

No

Effective Catalog: 2026-2027

Program Level: Undergraduate

Program Type: Minor

Title: Forensic Science Minor

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Registrar's Office

Use Only –

Program Start Term

Registrar/OAPI Use

Only – SACSCOC

Status

College/School: College of Science

Department / Academic Unit: Forensic Science Program

Jointly Owned Program? No

Is there an embedded degree as part of a program?

History

1. Nov 8, 2017 by clmig-jwehrheim
2. Jan 29, 2018 by rzachari
3. Mar 29, 2018 by rzachari

Justification

What: Updating the curriculum to account for BIOL course lecture and lab decoupling.

Why: To ensure students are still required to complete the course's lecture and lab components in light of the course being decoupled into two courses.

Catalog Published Information

Total Credits Total credits: 20-21

Required:

Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:

FRSC

**Registrar/IRR Use
Only – Program CIP
Code**

**Admission
Requirements:**

**Program-Specific
Policies:**

Policies

At least 8 credits must be applied only to this minor and may not be used to fulfill requirements of the student's major, concentration, or another minor or undergraduate certificate.

For policies governing all minors, see [AP.5.3.4 Minors](#).

Degree Requirements: Students should refer to the [Admissions & Policies](#) tab for specific policies related to this program.

Students must complete at least 6 credits in their minor at George Mason University and achieve a minimum GPA of 2.00 in courses applied to the minor.

Please pay attention to the prerequisites for each course in the curriculum below.

Foundation Science Courses

Select two courses or course/lab pairings from the courses below:

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[BIOL 213](#) Cell Structure and Function
& [BIOL 215](#) and Cell Structure and Function Laboratory

[BIOL 305](#) Biology of Microorganisms
& [BIOL 306](#) and Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory

[BIOL 311](#) General Genetics
& [BIOL 313](#) and Course BIOL 313 Not Found

[CHEM 211](#) General Chemistry I([Mason Core](#)).
& [CHEM 213](#) and General Chemistry Laboratory I([Mason Core](#)).

<u>CHEM 212</u>	General Chemistry II(Mason Core).
& <u>CHEM 214</u>	and General Chemistry Laboratory II(Mason Core).
<u>PHYS 160</u>	University Physics I(Mason Core).
& <u>PHYS 161</u>	and University Physics I Laboratory(Mason Core).
<u>PHYS 243</u>	College Physics I(Mason Core).
& <u>PHYS 244</u>	and College Physics I Lab(Mason Core).
<u>PHYS 245</u>	College Physics II(Mason Core).
& <u>PHYS 246</u>	and College Physics II Lab(Mason Core).
<u>PHYS 260</u>	University Physics II(Mason Core).
& <u>PHYS 261</u>	and University Physics II Laboratory(Mason Core).

Total Credits 8

Forensic Science Core Courses

<u>FRSC 200</u>	Survey of Forensic Science	3
<u>FRSC 201</u>	Introduction to Criminalistics	3
Total Credits		6

Forensic Science Electives

Select one course from the following:	3
<u>FRSC 302</u>	Forensic Trace Analysis(Mason Core).
<u>FRSC 303</u>	Forensic Evidence and Ethics
<u>FRSC 304</u>	Forensic Chemistry
<u>FRSC 460</u>	Forensic DNA Analysis

Total Credits 3

Supporting Courses

Select one course from the following:	3-4
<u>FRSC 302</u>	Forensic Trace Analysis(Mason Core). ¹
or <u>FRSC 303</u>	Forensic Evidence and Ethics
or <u>FRSC 304</u>	Forensic Chemistry
or <u>FRSC 460</u>	Forensic DNA Analysis

<u>GEOL 302</u>	Mineralogy
<u>GEOL 306</u>	Soil Science
<u>CRIM 400</u>	Applied Criminal Psychology
<u>CRIM 410</u>	Criminal Investigations
<u>PSYC 380</u>	Introduction to Forensic Psychology
<u>PSYC 441</u>	Criminal Behavior: Psychological and Neurological Aspects

Total Credits

3-4

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If a FRSC course is chosen, select a different course than the one chosen to fulfill the Forensic Science Electives section.

Retroactive Requirements Updates:

Program Outcomes

Have you reached out to the Libraries to determine whether there are adequate resources to support your program? If not, please email Meg Meiman, Associate University Librarian for Learning, Research, and Engagement at mmeiman2@gmu.edu.

OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

Comments or Notes

Green Leaf Program Designation

Is this a Green Leaf program? No

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

No

Additional Attachments

Reviewer Comments

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Comments**

Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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