

Minor In Forensic Science

Degree Requirements

If a minor is required in your degree program, at least 9 (lower and/or upper-division) hours of courses in the minor must be completed at the University.

Minor Requirements	Course Title	Credit Hours
All forensic science minors must take the following core courses:		13
AN 250	Forensic Anthropology	
CH 201/CH 201L, or CH 265/CH 265L	Organic Chemistry I or Introductory Analysis	
CJ 105	Introduction to Criminal Justice (formerly CJ 205: Introduction to Criminal Justice)	
CJ 223	Introduction to Forensic Science (formerly CJ 423: Criminalistics)	
All forensic science minors must select two of the following upper-division courses*		6
AN 335	Field Work in Archaeology	
AN 365	Human Osteology	
BLY 302	Genetics	
BLY 354	General Entomology	
CH 440	Biochemistry I	
CH 465	Instrumental Analysis	
CJ 332	Criminal Law	
CJ 360	Theories of Offending	
CJ 380	Drugs and Crime	
CJ 422	Criminal Investigations	
PSY 425	Mental Health and Law	
*Students must take at least one upper division course outside of their major discipline.		

Department Information

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Forensic Science at USA is an interdisciplinary program offering students the opportunity to gain foundation-level exposure to the various social and physical sciences from which forensic applications are derived. Students will acquire broad-based knowledge and skills in a combination of areas such as chemistry, anthropology, criminal justice and biology.

The minor is designed to prepare students for future graduate education or job training in specialized fields within forensic science, including the search for and recovery of human remains, human identification, crime scene investigation, evidence collection, and laboratory analyses. Although all students at USA are welcome to minor in FS, the minor will be especially useful for students in anthropology, biology, biomedical sciences, chemistry, and criminal justice. Students who plan to pursue careers in forensic science will benefit from a broader understanding of the criminal justice system, offender behavior, and due process law. Students who plan to pursue careers in the criminal justice system will benefit from a broader understanding of forensic science so that they understand what happens to evidence once it is taken to a lab for processing.