

Forensic Science, A.S.

Visit the Forensic Science page (<https://www.uvu.edu/criminaljustice/forensic-science/>) for more information on the program and access to advising.

Program Description

The Associate of Science in Forensic Science (ASFS) is designed to provide a preparatory educational path for students who are seeking to continue coursework in a forensic science bachelor degree program. The ASFS enables students to complete general education requirements while meeting the required lower division course work needed for a forensic science bachelors degree. This degree will additionally provide a completion point for students who do not wish to pursue a bachelor's degree, or facilitate transfer to another institution for a bachelor's degree completion elsewhere.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours		61
General Education Requirements		34 Credits
ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing Literacies and Composition Across Contexts	3
ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing	3
Complete one of the following:		5
MATH 1080	Precalculus (5)	
MATH 1050 & MATH 1060	College Algebra and Trigonometry (7)	
Complete one of the following:		3
HIST 1700	American History (3)	
HIST 1740	US Economic History (3)	
HIST 2700 & HIST 2710	US History to 1877 and US History since 1877 (6)	
POLS 1000	American Heritage (3)	
POLS 1100	American National Government (3)	
Distribution Courses:		
Personal, Professional, and Civic Growth		3
BIOL 1610	College Biology I	4
CHEM 1210	Principles of Chemistry I	4
Fine Arts Distribution		3
ART 1050	Photography I (3) (Recommended)	
Humanities Distribution		3
COMM 1020	Public Speaking (3) (Recommended)	
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Discipline Core Requirements		21 Credits
Forensic Science Foundational Courses:		
CJ 1330	Criminal Law	3
CJ 1350	Introduction to Forensic Science	3
CJ 2350	Laws of Evidence	3
BIOL 1615	College Biology I Laboratory	1
CHEM 1215	Principles of Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CHEM 1220	Principles of Chemistry II	4
CHEM 1225	Principles of Chemistry II Laboratory	1
PHYS 2010	College Physics I	4
PHYS 2015	College Physics I Lab	1
Program Electives		6 Credits

Complete 6 credits from one of the following	6
For Application to the BS Forensic Investigation Track	
CJ 1340	Criminal Investigations (undefined)
ZOOL 1090	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology (undefined)
For Application to the BS Forensic Laboratory Track	
MATH 1210	Calculus I (undefined)
2 credits from any 1000 or 2000 level course	

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 61 or more semester credits.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.7 (B-) or above.
3. Must have a grade of C or higher in all math, science and criminal justice courses.
4. Residency hours: minimum of 16 credit hours through course attendance at UVU.

Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in Wolverine Track (<http://www.uvu.edu/wolverinetrack/>).

First Year

		Credit Hours
Semester 1		
ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing or Literacies and Composition Across Contexts	3
American Institutions Course		3
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 1350	Introduction to Forensic Science	3
COMM 1020	Public Speaking (Recommended)	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester 2		
ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing	3
MATH 1080	Precalculus	5
CJ 1330	Criminal Law	3
BIOL 1610	College Biology I	4
BIOL 1615	College Biology I Laboratory	1
Credit Hours		16
Second Year		
Semester 3		
ART 1050	Photography I (Recommended)	3
CHEM 1210	Principles of Chemistry I	4
CHEM 1215	Principles of Chemistry I Laboratory	1
Take one of the following blocks		6
For Forensic Science Investigation Emphasis		
ZOOL 1090	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CJ 1340	Criminal Investigations	
For Forensic Science Lab Emphasis		
MATH 1210	Calculus I	
Two credits of 1000+ electives		
Credit Hours		14
Semester 4		
CJ 2350	Laws of Evidence	3
CHEM 1220	Principles of Chemistry II	4
CHEM 1225	Principles of Chemistry II Laboratory	1
PHYS 2010	College Physics I	4
PHYS 2015	College Physics I Lab	1
Personal, Professional, and Civic Growth		3
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		61

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Explain how forensic science uses scientific and mathematical principles.
2. Develop a conceptual foundation of the criminal justice system, rules of evidence, and the legal system.
3. Explain the relationship between forensic science and criminal law.
4. Situate forensic science applications within criminal investigative procedures.
5. Describe how various forensic science disciplines are utilized within criminal investigations.

Forensic science technicians

- Total Positions 18,600
- Field Growth 13.6%
- Median Salary \$64,940
- Average Openings 2.7

Criminal justice and law enforcement teachers, postsecondary

- Total Positions 16,100
- Field Growth 2.9%
- Median Salary \$69,030
- Average Openings 1.3