

FORENSIC STUDIES (B.S.)

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Forensic Studies provides students with the skills requisite to the investigation of criminal offenses and the identification, apprehension, and prosecution of criminal offenders. This curriculum integrates the theoretical perspectives of different disciplines pertaining to deviant and criminal behavior with the practice of identification, procurement, and presentation of evidence resulting from criminal activity. This program builds upon a solid liberal arts core to achieve a balanced criminal justice perspective, which includes an emphasis upon the victim, the offender, the criminal justice system and society. Recognizing the multidisciplinary nature of Forensics, this curriculum blends crime scene analysis, laboratory analysis, behavioral analysis, and Constitutional Criminal Law. The program's objective is to develop a sound educational foundation for graduate work or professional practice at the bachelor's level. It is designed as a scholar/practitioner curriculum providing students with advanced levels of knowledge in criminal investigation, thus increasing the employment potential for the graduates of this degree.

Program Progression and Additional Graduation Requirements

- Attend an orientation session.
- Sign an Advising Agreement document.

In addition to the program requirements, students must:

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits.
- Complete a minimum of 48 of the 120 credits at the upper division (3000-4999 level).
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all coursework attempted at FGCU.
- Satisfy the College-Level Skills and foreign language entrance requirements.
- Satisfy the Service-Learning requirement.
- Satisfy the Civic Literacy requirement.
- Satisfy the residency requirement: 30 of the last 60 credits must be completed at FGCU.
- Complete the summer course enrollment requirement.
- Submit an Application for Graduation by the deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
FGCU General Education Program (https://www.fgcu.edu/academics/undergraduatestudies/generaleducation/)		
To prevent or minimize excess hours, select general education courses that satisfy common prerequisite requirements for your intended major.		
Common Prerequisites		
For this major, common prerequisite courses with an asterisk (*) require prior knowledge and skills demonstrated through degree acceleration programs (e.g., the College Board's Advanced Placement Program [AP], International Baccalaureate Program [IB], College-Level Examination Program [CLEP], Advanced International Certificate of Education Program [AICE]); dual enrollment; placement exam; or college coursework.		
A minimum grade of C is required in each course		

BSC 1010C	General Biology with Lab I (Acceptable Substitute: BSCX010C or (BSCX010 and BSCX010L))	4
CHM 1025	Introductory General Chemistry (Acceptable Substitute: CHMX025 or CHMX025C or CHMX032 or CHMX032C or CHMX045 or CHMX045C) ^{*,1}	3
STA 2023	Statistical Methods (Acceptable Substitute: STAX023 or STAX037) ^{*,2}	3

Required Courses in the Major (39 credits)

A minimum grade of C is required in each course		
ANT 2511C	Intro to Physical Anthropology	3
ANT 3520C	Forensic Anthropology	3
CCJ 1080	Intro to Forensic Studies	3
CCJ 3603	Forensic Behavioral Analysis	3
CCJ 3670	Crime Scene Investigation	3
CCJ 3700	Meth Criminal Justice Research	3
CCJ 3701	Criminal Justice Data Analysis	3
CCJ 4054	Ethics in the Crim Justice Sys	3
CCJ 4934	Senior Seminar (capstone)	3
CJE 4612	Interview and Interrogation	3
CJE 4940	Forensic Studies Internship	1-6
CJL 4133	Criminal Evidence	3
DSC 2006	Homeland Security	3

Restricted Electives in the Major (9 credits)

A minimum grade of C is required in each course		
Select nine credits from any of the following:		
ENY 4701C	Forensic Entomology	3
PLA 3205	Courtroom Techniques	3
PLA 4570	Globalization & the Rule of Law	3
Upper division (3000-4999 level) course(s)*with any of the following prefixes: CCJ, CJC, CJE, CJJ or CJL ³		

Sustainability Course Graduation Requirement (3 credits)

Select at least 3 credits in sustainability coursework (SCGR Attribute)

Additional Electives

As needed to reach total credits required for the degree

¹ Prerequisites of MAT 1033 Intermediate Algebra minimum grade of C then MAC 1105 College Algebra minimum grade of C; or relevant accelerated credit; or placement exam

² Prerequisites of MAT 1033 Intermediate Algebra minimum grade of C; or relevant accelerated credit; or placement exam

³ Courses used to fulfill required courses in the major cannot also be used to fulfill restricted electives.

Total Credits Required: 120