

# FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

## Overview

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The Graduate Certificate in Forensic Investigations is ideal for the student who has already earned a graduate degree in another discipline and seeks to increase or formalize their knowledge of forensic fields. The Certificate will also be of interest to persons already employed in a related field, but not requiring a degree.

## Admission

### Admission Requirements

- Submission of application for admission to the MWSU Graduate School.
- Completion of a B.A. or B.S. degree in any discipline from an accredited college or university.
- Minimum overall G.P.A. of 2.75.
- Completion of a 300 or 400 level undergraduate research course with a grade of C or higher as approved by the Program Director.
- Personal Statement describing how the Forensic Investigations degree will further their career goals.
- Two letters of reference; one from an academic source and another from an employer. References and Personal Statement should be submitted to the Forensic Investigation Program Director.
- Application reviewed and approved by the MAS Forensic Investigations Admissions Committee.

## Requirements

| Code  | Title   | Credit Hours |
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| <b>Certificate Requirements</b>                     |   |              |
| CRJ 500   | Death Investigation                                 | 3            |
| CRJ 570   | Criminal Investigative Methods                      | 3            |
| CRJ 600   | Criminal Law, Evidence and Legal Procedures         | 3            |
| CRJ 640   | Computer Forensics                                  | 3            |
| <b>Restricted Electives</b>                         |   |              |
| Select six credit hours from the following courses: |   | 6            |
| ACC 613   | Forensic Accounting                                 |              |
| ACC 623   | Auditing for Fraud                                  |              |
| CRJ 510   | Bloodstain Pattern Analysis in Violent Crimes       |              |
| CRJ 525   | Forensic Anthropology for Law Enforcement           |              |
| CRJ 530   | Human Remains: Search, Recovery, and Identification |              |
| CRJ 540   | Forensic Entomology                                 |              |
| CRJ 545   | Forensic Interviewing                               |              |

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| CRJ 550                     | Profiling and Behavioral Analysis                  |
| CRJ 560                     | Administration, Planning, and Ethics               |
| CRJ 610                     | Courtroom Testimony and Procedure                  |
| CRJ 615                     | Forensic Photography and Crime Scene Investigation |
| CRJ 620                     | Analysis of Biological Evidence                    |
| CRJ 630                     | Analysis of Physical Evidence                      |
| CRJ 635                     | Internet Commerce Fraud and Investigation          |
| CRJ 650                     | Advanced Research Methods                          |
| CRJ 670                     | Graduate Internship                                |
| CRJ 680                     | Research and Publication                           |
| CRJ 696-699: Special Topics |  |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>   | <b>18</b>  |

## Program Graduation Requirements

1. Filing of an approved Application for Graduation.
2. Satisfactory completion of all required coursework as listed on the approved Program of Study.
3. Earn a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, with no more than 6 credit hours of C in all required coursework.
4. At least half of the 18 credit hours must be 600-level.