

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.
- Application reviewed and approved by the MAS Forensic Investigations Admissions Committee.

Requirements

Students who are accepted to this program will have no more than 3 years from admission or subsequent declaration to meet the requirements listed below. If certification, accreditation or statutory requirements change and additional requirements become effective during this time, the new requirements take precedence.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
CRJ 500	Death Investigation	3
CRJ 570	Criminal Investigative Methods	3
CRJ 600	Criminal Law, Evidence and Legal Procedures	3
Restricted Electives		
Select nine credit hours from the following courses (at least six credit hours must be 600 level)		9
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 550	Profiling and Behavioral Analysis	
CRJ 560	Administration, Planning, and Ethics	
CRJ 596-599: Special Topics		
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 640	Computer Forensics	
CRJ 645	Forensic Interviewing	
CRJ 650	Advanced Research Methods	
CRJ 670	Graduate Internship	
CRJ 680	Research and Publication	
CRJ 696-699: Special Topics		
Total Credit Hours		18

Program Graduation Requirement

1. Earn a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, with no more than 6 credit hours of C in all required coursework.

University Graduation Requirements

1. Satisfactorily complete all required coursework in the program;
2. Earn a minimum of 15 credit hours.