

FORENSIC SCIENCE: CRIMINALISTICS TRACK

SAMPLE 2-YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

| | Fall Quarter | Units | Winter Quarter | Units | Spring Quarter | Units |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Year 1 | FOR 201A: Fund. of For. Sci. | 3 | FOR 201B: Fund. of For. Sci. | 3 | FOR 201C: Fund. of For. Sci. | 3 |
| | FOR 220: Analysis of Toxicants | 3 | FOR 268: Forensic Statistics | 3 | FOR 210: Human ID | 3 |
| | FOR 207: Spectroscopy (elec) | 3 | FOR 218: Forensic Case Reports | 3 | FOR 240: Homicide CSI | 3 |
| | Total: 9 | | Total: 9 | | Total: 9 | |
| Year 2 | FOR 290: For. Sci. Seminar | 1 | FOR 290: For. Sci. Seminar | 1 | FOR 290C: For. Sci. Seminar | 1 |
| | FOR 299: Thesis Research | 5 | FOR 299: Thesis Research | 5 | FOR 299: Thesis Research | 5 |
| | FOR 221L | 3 | FOR 298: Forensic Photo. (elec) | 3 | FOR 208: Forensic Tox. (elec) | 3 |
| | Total: 9 | | Total: 9 | | Total: 9 | |

**Disclaimer: While 2-year plans can be helpful in your course selection and planning process, they are not sufficient to replace individual advising appointments or a graduation check with your Graduate Program Coordinator.

2025 Degree Requirements | 54 Units

Core Courses | 15 units

- FOR201A Forensic Science Fundamentals (3) *F*
- FOR201B Forensic Science Fundamentals (3) *W*
- FOR201C Forensic Science Fundamentals (3) *S*
- FOR218 Forensic Case Reports (3) *W*
- FOR240 Homicide Crime Scene Investigation (3) *S*

Track Courses - Criminalistics | 9 units

- FOR210 Human Identification (3) *F*
- FOR220 Analysis of Toxicants (3) *F*
- FOR268 Forensic Statistics (3) *W*

Laboratory Course | 2 units

- FOR221L Forensic Instrumental Laboratory¹ (2) *F*

Seminars | 3 units

- FOR290 Seminar (1) *F*
- FOR290 Seminar (1) *W*
- XXX290 Seminar (any graduate seminar) or FOR290C¹ (1) *Vary*

Research | 7 units

- FOR299 Research in Forensic Science (1-7) *All*

Electives | 18 UnitsGroup 1: Choose 1 course

- FOR 207 Advanced Spectroscopy (3)
- FOR 208 Forensic Toxicology (3)

Group 2: Choose 2 courses

- ETX 102B Quantitative Analysis of Environmental Toxicants (5)
- FOR 207 Advanced Spectroscopy (3)
- FOR 208 Forensic Toxicology (3)
- FOR 298 Forensic Photography (3)
- FOR 276 Population Genetics (3)
- FOR 278 Molecular Techniques (3)
- FOR 280 Forensic DNA Analysis (3)

Group 3: Choose 3 courses

- ENT 158 Forensic Entomology (3)
- ETX 102B Quantitative Analysis of Environmental Toxicants (5)
- FOR 207 Forensic Spectroscopy (3)
- FOR 208 Forensic Toxicology (3)
- FOR 298 Forensic Photography (3)

An elective class cannot be used to satisfy more than one elective group's requirement. Other elective courses can be taken as approved by the student's Graduate Advisor

¹ Attendance at an external conference (such as AAFS or CAC, listed as FOR290C in W and S quarters) and written summary can fulfill this requirement in lieu of an additional seminar course.