

Associate of Science in Forensic Investigation

Credits: 63

Program Description

The Associate Degree in Forensic Investigation introduces forensic investigation from a theoretical and practical perspective. Students will be prepared to apply techniques, methods, procedures, basic knowledge to perform necessary skills as a forensic investigator.

Program Outcomes

1. Demonstrate moral and ethical professional behavior in issues surrounding crime and forensic investigation.
2. Apply the principles and processes of criminal and constitutional law, criminology theory and concepts, knowledge of the functions and components of the criminal justice system, and current issues to criminal justice operations and the forensic studies.
3. Apply knowledge of criminal statutes, rules of criminal procedure and rules of evidence, which all can impact one's capacity to serve as an expert witness in a court of law.
4. Demonstrate proficiency in communicating effectively in a variety of formats, including verbal, written, and symbolic channels, relevant to forensic investigation, such as interviews and expressing opinion on the evidence to peers, and presentations in the judicial system.
5. Demonstrate mastery in concepts and evidence collection techniques used in subfields of forensic studies based on their ability to read, analyze, interpret, and critically evaluate primary literature; design experiments or conduct independent investigation to test ideas and hypotheses; and interpret data through statistical and graphical packages.

Program sequence will be available at the time of enrollment.

The language of instruction and program delivery modality are subject to availability.



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QYLE 110 or FYIS 101	Attitude Development and University Adaptation or Induction Seminar to University Life	3	Must be taken in the 1 st term of enrollment
General Education Courses			
Course	Title	Credits	Prerequisites
Pick 1 GE* OR SPAN 101 SPAN 103 SPAN 105	Pick one (1) of the Approved General Education Electives OR Introduction to Spanish Language – Basic Level Introduction to Spanish Language –Intermediate Level Introduction to Spanish Language – Advanced Level	3	
ENGL 150 OR ENGL 101 ENGL 103 ENGL 105	English Composition I OR Introduction to English Language – Basic Level Introduction to English Language –Intermediate Level Introduction to English Language – Advanced Level	3	
MATH 112ON	College Algebra	3	
SOSC 101	Introduction to Social Sciences I	3	
COIS 101	Introduction to Computers	3	
TOTAL		15	
Core / Professional Courses			
Course	Title	Credits	Prerequisites
CRIM 100	Criminal Law	3	
CRIM 102	Criminal Procedures	3	CRIM 100
CRIM 104	Evidence	3	CRIM 102
IFOR 205	Basic Criminal Investigation	3	CRIM 100
IFOR 210	Forensic Photography and Crime Scene Planimetry	3	CRIM 100, IFOR 205
IFOR 215	Fundamental Principles of Collection and Processing of Evidence at the Scene of the Crime	3	CRIM 100, IFOR 205
TOTAL		18	
Concentration Courses			
Course	Title	Credits	Prerequisites
IFOR 220	Forensic Investigation of Traffic Accidents	3	IFOR 215
IFOR 225	Interview Techniques and Testimony in Court	3	IFOR 205
IFOR 230	Introduction to Forensic Dactyloscopy	3	IFOR 215
IFOR 235	Investigation of Cyber Crimes	3	IFOR 205
IFOR 240	Scientific Study of the Crime Scene	3	IFOR 215, IFOR 210, IFOR 230
IFOR 245	Introduction of Fraud Investigation	3	IFOR 205, IFOR 215
IFOR 250	Introduction to Fire Investigation	3	IFOR 205, IFOR 215
IFOR 255	Surveillance and Tracking: Technical and Ethical Aspects	3	IFOR 240
IFOR 275	Integration Seminar in Forensic Investigation	3	All Major and Professional Courses
TOTAL		27	
TOTAL CREDITS		63	

Approved General Education Electives*		
Course	Title	Credits
SPAN 110	Elementary Spanish	3
REIL 101	Research and Information Literacy	3
BIOL 150	General Biology I	3
BIOL 151	General Biology II	3
COMM 205	Communication Theory	3
COMM 210	Legal and Ethical Aspects of Communications	3
HIDE 100	History of Arts	3
HIDE 110	Representing Culture: Art & Artifact 1500-1850	3
HIST 273	History of the United States of America	3

Notes:

1. This program may be offered in English, Bilingual mode (English-Spanish), or Spanish according to demand. COMPLETING A COURSE OR PROGRAM IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH MAY REDUCE EMPLOYABILITY WHERE ENGLISH IS REQUIRED.
2. Students must abide with the minimum required hours and policies set by the state and local education agencies for practicum experiences.
3. Students must comply with state and local education certification requirements for the degree program, as applicable.
4. Graduation GPA: 2.00