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Please see an advisor in Arts and Sciences Advising in 115 Denney Hall to declare the minor.

The goal of the minor is to provide students with a broad-based understanding of the field of forensic science. It is not designed to provide students necessarily with the methods and measures of forensics, which will come from students' undergraduate fields of study and/or future graduate study. The purpose is to give students an understanding of the basic issues and the applications of those methods within the context of forensic science.

The Forensic Science minor requires the completion of 23 hours, which consists of an introductory course (5 hours), a required foundational course (5 hours) and two of three core courses. The remaining credit hours come from electives.

Overlap with the GEC is permitted however overlap with the major is prohibited. If you follow the program as listed, you need only file it with your college or school counselor.

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Required introductory course (5 credit hours)
ASC 211: Introduction to Forensic Science (5)

Required foundational course (5 credit hours)
Anthropology 305: Introduction to Forensic Anthropology

Core Courses
Choose 2 of the 3 following courses:
Pharmacy 200: The Rational and Irrational Use of Drugs (3)
Psychology 485: Psychology and the Law (4)
Sociology 209: Introduction to Criminal Justice (5)

Electives
Students must complete additional electives from the courses listed below to total a minimum of 23 hours.

Anthro 603.01: Human Osteology (5)
Anthro 603.02: Skeletal Biology (5)
Anthro 603.03: Dental Anthropology (5)
Anthro 640.04: Forensic Anthropology (5)
Anthro 686: Field Study
Chem 221: Analytical Chemistry I (5)
Chem 587: Analytical Chemistry II: Instrumental Analysis (3)
Chem 588: Laboratory Practice in Instrumental Analysis (3)
CSE 551: Introduction to Information Security (3)
Entomology 500: General Entomology (5)
Entomology 661: Medical Entomology (5)
Med Tech 504: Clinical Correlations in Chemistry (2)
Med Tech 600.01: Molecular Techniques (2)
Med Tech 640: Advanced Laboratory Techniques (Distance) (4)
Med Tech 645.01: Clinical Chemistry (5)
Mol Gen 500/H500: General Genetics (5/6)
Mol Gen 605: Molecular Genetics I (3)
Mol Gen 606: Molecular Genetics II (3)
Mol Gen 607: Cell Biology (3)
Mol Gen 608: Genes and Development (3)
Mol Gen 640: The Genetic Basis of Evolution (5)
Pharmacology 600: General Pharmacology (3)
Psych 485: Psychology and the Law (4)
Psych 511: Psychological Testing (4)
Psych 684: Psychology of Delinquency (5)
Sociology 209: Introduction to Criminal Justice (5)
Sociology 210: Sociological Aspects of Deviance (5)
Sociology 310: Sociology of Gangs (5)
Sociology 410/H410: Criminology (5)
Sociology 507: The Criminal Justice System (5)
Sph/Hmg 320: Principles of Phonetics (5)
Sph/Hmg 420: Introduction to Speech Science (5)
TXL&CLO 371: Textiles I (5)

Note: Students may not count courses for both their major and a minor. They must designate whether they will count a course for either the major or the minor.

Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern minors.

Required for graduation: No
Credit hours required: A minimum of 20 (some minors require more)
Transfer credit hours allowed: A maximum of 10
Overlap with the GEC: Permitted, unless specifically disallowed by an individual minor program.

Overlap with the major: Not allowed and
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors: Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

100-level course: For every five credit hours of 100-level course work on the minor, the minimum total required for the minor is increased by five.

Grades required
• Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Approval required: The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:
• The academic unit offering the minor, or
• A college/school counselor.

Filing the minor program form: The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor: Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:
• The academic unit offering the minor, or
• A college/school counselor (depending on the minor).