

MINOR IN FORENSIC SCIENCE

A minor in Forensic Science requires the completion of 18 credit hours from the following list of courses, of which at least six credits must be 4000-level courses.

This minor is most suitably paired with majors in biology, chemistry, forensic chemistry, computing science, nursing, psychology, or criminal justice. However, the minor is not limited to these majors. **Students who intend to pursue employment as a forensic scientist should major in natural science.** Non-science majors (e.g., criminal justice) can benefit from this minor if they intend to pursue employment as an investigator. The minor in forensic science does not supplant the need for an undergraduate degree in a natural science (e.g., chemistry, biology, etc.).

The State of Texas has mandatory licensing requirements ([https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC/?tac_view=5&ti=37&pt=15&ch=651&sch=C&rl=Y](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC/?tac_view=5&ti=37&pt=15&ch=651&sch=C&rl=Y)) for forensic analysts and technicians. These requirements include minimum educational qualifications, specific coursework, and successful completion of an examination administered by the Texas Forensic Science Commission. Students intending to pursue careers subject to forensic licensing requirements are encouraged to enroll in FORS 3366, FORS 4310, FORS 4380 and FORS 4317. Discipline specific course requirements still apply. Refer to the Texas Administrative Code ([https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC/?tac_view=5&ti=37&pt=15&ch=651&sch=C&rl=Y](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC/?tac_view=5&ti=37&pt=15&ch=651&sch=C&rl=Y)) for the most up to date information, or contact the Department of Forensic Science for assistance.

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Code	Title	Hours
Minor in Forensic Science		
Select six of the following:		18
CRIJ 2368	Criminal Investigation	
CRIJ 2394	Courts And Criminal Procedure	
FORS 3366	Forensic Science	
FORS 3380	Introduction to Forensic Chemistry	
FORS 4310	Physical Evidence Techniques	
FORS 4317	Applied Statistics for Forensic Science	
FORS 4320	Fundamentals of Forensic Biology	
FORS 4330	Fingerprint Examination	
FORS 4364	Crime Scene Investigation Techniques	
FORS 4380	Ethics and Professional Practice	
Total Hours		18

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