

Forensic Science (M.F.S.)

Nebraska Wesleyan University offers a 42-credit-hour forensic science program through which graduate students may earn a Master of Forensic Science (MFS). The first year curriculum focuses on giving graduate students a broad-based knowledge of the forensic sciences. Over the next summer, they complete a two-week internship with a medical examiner or coroner.

During the second year, students choose between two tracks of specialization. They also participate in a yearlong crime scene investigation that counts for two credits. The last class for most students is FORSC-5990 or FORSC-5991. This course involves research and internship work relevant to students' individual interests and concentrations.

For most students, the program takes two and a half years to complete.

Investigative Science Track

The investigative science track provides coursework in:

- crime scene investigation
- death investigation
- forensic science methods
- human remains location and recovery
- fingerprint comparison
- document analysis.

Behavioral Science Track

The behavioral science track provides coursework in:

- crime scene investigation
- death investigation
- forensic science methods
- criminal investigative analysis.

Departments/Programs:

Forensic Science

Master of Forensic Science

| Core Courses | 18 hrs. |
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| FORSC-5050 | FORSC-5050 |
| FORSC-5060 | FORSC-5060 |
| FORSC-5070 | FORSC-5070 |
| FORSC-5080 | FORSC-5080 |
| FORSC-5090 and FORSC-5160 | FORSC-5090 FORSC-5160 |
| FORSC-5970 | FORSC-5970 |

Forensic Science Specialty Area Courses

| Behavioral Science | 16 hours |
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| FORSC-5150 | FORSC-5150 |
| FORSC-5300 | FORSC-5300 |

| Behavioral Science | 16 hours |
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| FORSC-5320 | FORSC-5320 |
| FORSC-5330 | FORSC-5330 |
| FORSC-5340 | FORSC-5340 |
| FORSC-5991 | 6 hours |
| Investigative Science | 16 hours |
| FORSC-5150 | FORSC-5150 |
| FORSC-5230 | FORSC-5230 |
| FORSC-5240 | FORSC-5240 |
| FORSC-5250 | FORSC-5250 |
| FORSC-5330 | FORSC-5330 |
| FORSC-5991 | 6 hours |

Special Session Seminars

| 2 credits required for MFS | |
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| Interviewing Child Victims | 1 hour |
| Expert Witness Testimony | 1 hour |
| Statement Analysis | 1 hour |
| Fire Scene Investigations | 1 hour |
| Crime Scene Imaging | 1 hour |
| Trace & DNA Evidence | 1 hour |
| Laboratory Analysis of Firearm Evidence | 1 hour |
| Forensic Analysis of Tools & Toolmarks | 1 hour |