

Master of Forensic Science

Departments/Programs:

Forensic Science

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 Forensic Science 599. 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.

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| Core Courses | 16 hrs. |
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| FORSC 505 Fundamentals of Crime Scene Investigation | 3 hours |
| FORSC 506 Fundamentals of Evidence | 3 hours |
| FORSC 507 Criminal Law and the Law of Evidence | 3 hours |
| FORSC 508 Medicolegal Death Investigation | 3 hours |
| FORSC 509 Cold Case Homicide Investigation | 2 hours |
| FORSC 597 Internship | 2-3 hours |

Forensic Science Specialty Area Courses

| Behavioral Science Courses | 27 hrs. |
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| FORSC 515 Advanced Crime Scene Investigation | 4 hours |
| FORSC 516 Crime Scene House Practical | 2 hours |

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| Behavioral Science Courses | 27 hrs. |
| FORSC 530 Forensic Psychology | 3 hours |
| FORSC 532 Serial Offenders and Personality | 3 hours |
| FORSC 533 Criminal Investigative Analysis | 3 hours |
| FORSC 534 Threat Assessment and Management | 3 hours |
| FORSC 599 Research/Internship | 1-6 hours |
| Investigative Science | 24 hrs. |
| FORSC 515 Advanced Crime Scene Investigation | 4 hours |
| FORSC 516 Crime Scene House Practical | 2 hours |
| FORSC 522 Violence in Society | 3 hours |
| FORSC 523 Document Analysis | 3 hours |
| FORSC 524 Basic Principles of Friction Ridge ID | 3 hours |
| FORSC 521 Human Remains Detection and Recovery | 3 hours |
| FORSC 599 Research/Internship | 1-6 hours |

Elective Seminars

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| 2 credits required for MFS | |
| 590 Ballistics: Trajectory Analysis | 1 hr. |
| FORSC 579 Interviewing | 1 hours |
| FORSC 574 Threat Assessment | 1 hours |
| FORSC 577 Expert Witness Testimony | 1 hours |
| FORSC 590 Crime Scene Imaging | 1 hr. |
| FORSC 590 Trace and DNA Evidence: Recognition, Collection & Analysis | 1 hr. |
| FORSC 590 Fire Scene Investigations | 1 hr. |