# **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 â??Forensic Science 599â?•. This course involves research and internship work relevant to studentsâ?? 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	18 hrs.
FORSC 505 Fundamentals of Crime Scene Investigation	3 hours
FORSC 506 Fundamentals of Evidence Processing	3 hours
FORSC 507 Criminal Law and the Law of Evidence	3 hours
FORSC 508 Medicolegal Death Investigation	3 hours
FORSC 509 Cold Case Practicum	2 hours
and FORSC 516 Crime Scene House Practical	2 hours
FORSC 597 Internship	2-3 hours

## **Forensic Science Specialty Area Courses**

Behavioral Science 16 hou	rs

FORSC 515 Advanced Crime Scene Investigation4 hoursFORSC 530 Forensic Psychology3 hoursFORSC 532 Serial Offenders and Personality3 hoursFORSC 533 Criminal Investigative Analysis3 hoursFORSC 534 Threat Assessment and Management3 hoursFORSC 599 Research/Internship6 hoursFORSC 515 Advanced Crime Scene Investigation4 hoursFORSC 523 Document Analysis3 hoursFORSC 524 Basic Principles of Friction Ridge ID3 hoursFORSC 525 Forensic Investigations - Putting It All Together3 hoursFORSC 533 Criminal Investigative Analysis3 hoursFORSC 539 Research/Internship6 hours		
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FORSC 599 Research/Internship 6 hours	FORSC 533 Criminal Investigative Analysis	3 hours
	FORSC 599 Research/Internship	6 hours

# **Special Session Seminars**

2 credits required for MFS	
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