Nebraska Wesleyan University

Catalog 2013-2014

Master of 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.

Departments/Programs:

Forensic Science

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Core Courses	18 hrs.
FORSC-505	FORSC-505
FORSC-506	FORSC-506
FORSC-507	FORSC-507
FORSC-508	FORSC-508
FORSC-509 and FORSC-516	FORSC-509
	FORSC-310
FORSC-597	FORSC-597

Forensic Science Specialty Area Courses

Behavioral Science	16 hours
FORSC-515	FORSC-515

	Behavioral Science		16 hours
FORSC-530		FC	DRSC-530
FORSC-532		FORSC-532	
FORSC-533		FORSC-533	
FORSC-534		FORSC-534	
FORSC-599		6 hours	
	Investigative Science		16 hours
FORSC-515			FORSC-515
FORSC-523			FORSC-523
FORSC-524		FORSC-524	
FORSC-525			FORSC-525
FORSC-533			FORSC-533
FORSC-599			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	