

FORENSIC STUDIES

Associate in Science

Career/Technical (Major Code: C2705)

Students with an interest in the field of criminal justice, but with a particular interest in science and evidence collection, are encouraged to pursue the Forensic Studies Associate in Science Degree. This program was designed to prepare interested persons for careers as field evidence technicians and forensic lab technicians. Persons engaged in this vocational area aid investigators at crime scenes. Specifically, they locate, collect, and analyze evidence. Typically, they work with field investigators in the course of criminal or civil investigations.

The Forensic Studies degree satisfies entry-level job requirements in the area of forensics. Students interested in careers in this area should be aware that some practical experience is usually required prior to paid employment. This is a technical field requiring a combination of education and practical experience. Many students find it helpful, if not necessary, to volunteer at crime laboratories and police agencies in order to gain the requisite experience.

Some courses within this program may require additional coursework that must be completed prior to enrollment in these courses. Please consult the individual course listings for prerequisites and any other limitations on enrollment.

Program Student Learning Outcome

- Demonstrate ability to observe objectively and to collect data and facts in order to make an informed judgment.

Code	Title	Units
Program Requirements		
AJ 111	INTRODUCTION TO ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	3
AJ 151	CONCEPTS OF CRIMINAL LAW	3
AJ 156	LEGAL ASPECTS OF EVIDENCE	3
AJ 166	PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION	4
AJ 167	WRITTEN COMMUNICATION IN ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	3
AJ 171	EVIDENCE TECHNOLOGY	4
AJ 216	LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINER	4
AJ 222	DIGITAL FORENSIC PHOTOGRAPHY	4
BIOL 100	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	3
BIOL 101	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY LABORATORY	1
CHEM 100	INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL CHEMISTRY	4
Total Units		36

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Recommended Electives		
ANTH 101	BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	3
BIOL 260	HUMAN ANATOMY	4
CAD 220	INTRODUCTION TO CADD/CAM SYSTEMS	3
PHIL 103	LOGIC AND CRITICAL THINKING	3
FTMA 101	FUNDAMENTALS IN CAMERA, LIGHTING, AND SOUND	3

To earn an associate degree, additional general education and graduation requirements (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/>) must be completed.