Forensic Sciences, Undergraduate Minor

About the Forensic Sciences Undergraduate Minor Program

The goal of this interdisciplinary minor is to offer students the opportunity to take courses pertinent to scientific and methodological issues associated with crime investigation and criminal behavior. All students minoring in forensic sciences must complete at least 18 hours in designated forensic-related courses. No more than 12 hours may be taken in one department or program. At least 12 hours must be taken in upper-division courses. Courses with a grade of D cannot be counted toward fulfillment of the minor. At least 6 hours of upper-division courses must be taken at Texas Tech. All students who are enrolled in the forensic sciences minor are required to enroll in the introductory forensic science course FSCI 2308.

Designated courses may require prerequisites before the student can enroll in them. Consult the catalog or contact the specific instructors for details. Prerequisite courses (except ANTH 3303 and GIST 3300) do not count toward the minor. Cross-listed courses that are required by the major cannot be counted toward the minor.

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Students must choose one of the following options from which 15 credit hours (in addition to the required FSCI 2308) must be chosen:

Physical and Biological Sciences:

- FSCI 2308 - Forensic Sciences 3 Semester Credit Hours (Required)
- ANTH 3303 - Forensic Anthropology 3 Semester Credit Hours
- ANTH 4343 - Human Skeletal Biology and Forensic Techniques 3 Semester Credit Hours
- BIOL 3416 - Genetics 4 Semester Credit Hours
- CHEM 3141 - Experimental Analytical Chemical Methods 1 Semester Credit Hours
- CHEM 3341 - Analytical Chemical Methods 3 Semester Credit Hours
- CHEM 4010 - Individual Studies in Chemistry 1-6 Semester Credit Hours
- CHEM 4114 - Experimental Instrumental Analytical Methods Chemistry 1 Semester Credit Hours
- CHEM 4314 - Instrumental Analytical Methods 3 Semester Credit Hours
- ENTX 4325 - Principles of Toxicology I 3 Semester Credit Hours
- ENTX 4326 - Principles of Toxicology II 3 Semester Credit Hours
- FSCI 4300 – Individual Studies in Forensic Science 3 Semester Credit Hours
- MBIO 3401 - Principles of Microbiology 4 Semester Credit Hours
- ZOOL 4311 - Medical Entomology 3 Semester Credit Hours

Social and Behavioral Science:

- FSCI 2308 - Forensic Sciences 3 Semester Credit Hours (Required)
• CRIM 2335 - Homicide 3 Semester Credit Hours
• CRIM 3339 – Crime Data Analysis 3 Semester Credit Hours
• CRIM 3341 – Race, Ethnicity, and Crime 3 Semester Credit Hours
• CRIM 4325 – Criminological Theory 3 Semester Credit Hours
• FSCI 4300 – Individual Studies in Forensic Science 3 Semester Credit Hours
• GIST 3300 - Geographic Information Systems 3 Semester Credit Hours
• GIST 4310 - GPS Field Mapping 3 Semester Credit Hours
• PSY 4000 - Individual Problems Course V1-6 Semester Credit Hours
• PSY 4384 - Forensic Psychology 3 Semester Credit Hours
• SOC 3326 - Women and Crime 3 Semester Credit Hours
• SOC 3327 - Sociology of Law and Policing 3 Semester Credit Hours
• SOC 3368 – Sociology of Deviance 3 Semester Credit Hours
• SOC 4335 – Victims of Crime 3 Semester Credit Hours