**College of Science – Forensic Science, BS Catalog Year 2025-2026**

*Criminalistics Concentration*

**Degree Worksheet**

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|  **Mason Core Requirements** | **Grades** |
| **Mason Core Foundation** | **Credits** | **Earned** | **Needed** |
| Written Communication (lower-level) | ENGH 101 or ENGH 100 | 3-4 |  |  |
| Oral Communication |  | 3-4 |  |  |
| Quantitative Reasoning | Satisfied by major | 3 |  |  |
| Information Technology & Computing |  | 3 |  |  |
| **Mason Core Exploration** |
| Arts |  | 3 |  |  |
| Global History |  | 3 |  |  |
| Global Contexts |  | 3 |  |  |
| Literature |  | 3 |  |  |
| Natural Science  | Satisfied by major | 7 |  |  |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences | Satisfied by major | 3 |  |  |
| **Mason Core Integration** |
| Written Communication (upper-level) | ENGH 302 | 3 |  |  |
| Writing Intensive | Satisfied by FRSC 302 | 3 |  |  |
| Apex |  | 3 |  |  |

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| **Major Requirements\*** | **Grades** |
| **Forensic Science Core Courses** | **Credits** | **Earned** | **Needed** |
| FRSC 200 | Survey of Forensic Science | 3 |  |  |
| FRSC 201 | Introduction to Criminalistics | 3 |  |  |
| FRSC 302 | Forensic Trace Analysis | 3 |  |  |
| CRIM 100 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |  |  |
| **Forensic Science Extended Core Courses** |
| FRSC 303 | Forensic Evidence and Ethics | 3 |  |  |  |
| FRSC 304 & 305 | Forensic Chemistry & Lab | 4 |  |  |  |
| FRSC 401 | Crime Scene Investigations | 3 |  |  |
| FRSC 405 or FRSC 406 | Independent Research Methods or Forensic Internship | 3 |  |  |
| FRSC 460 & FRSC 461 | Forensic DNA Analysis & Lab | 4 |  |  |  |
| **Natural Science Courses** |
| BIOL 213 | Cell Structure and Function | 4 |  |  |
| STAT 250 or BIOL 214 | Introductory Statistics I or Biostatistics for Biology Majors | 3-4 |  |  |
| BIOL 311 | General Genetics | 4 |  |  |
| CHEM 211 & CHEM 213 | General Chemistry I & Lab | 4 |  |  |  |
| CHEM 212 & CHEM 214 | General Chemistry II & Lab | 4 |  |  |  |
| CHEM 313 & CHEM 315 | Organic Chemistry I & Lab | 5 |  |  |  |
| CHEM 314 & CHEM 318 | Organic Chemistry II & Lab | 5 |  |  |  |
| MATH 113 or MATH 123 & MATH 124 | Analytic Geometry and Calculus I or Calculus with Algebra/Trigonometry, Part A & B | 4-6 |  |  |
| PHYS 243 & PHYS 244 | College Physics I & Lab | 4 |  |  |  |
| PHYS 245 & PHYS 246 | College Physics II & Lab | 4 |  |  |  |

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|  | **Grades** |
|  | **Credits** | **Earned** | **Needed** |
| **Required Concentration Courses: Criminalistics – Select two lecture and lab pairings for a minimum of 8 credits:** FRSC 325 & FRSC 326, BIOL 305 & BIOL 306, BIOL 405, BIOL 407, BIOL 430, BIOL 431, BIOL 452 & BIOL 453, BIOL 465, BIOL 483 or CHEM 463 & CHEM 465, BIOL 484 & BIOL 485, CHEM 321, CHEM 331 & CHEM 336 | 8 |  |  |
| **Supporting Science Courses - Select at least 7 credits from the following (not previously taken):** FRSC 325, FRSC 326, FRSC 404, FRSC 450, FRSC 470, BINF 401, BINF 402, BIOL 305, BIOL 306, BIOL 382, BIOL 385, BIOL 401, BIOL 404, BIOL 405, BIOL 407, BIOL 411, BIOL 412, BIOL 417 (Illumina Sequencing), BIOL 421, BIOL 430, BIOL 431, BIOL 452, BIOL 453, BIOL 460/EVPP 460, BIOL 465, BIOL 482, BIOL 483, BIOL 484, BIOL 485, BIOL 486, CHEM 321, CHEM 331, CHEM 336, CHEM 427, CHEM 446, CHEM 463, CHEM 464, CHEM 465 | 7 |  |  |

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| **\*Degree Notes** |
| All major coursework must be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.30. No more than three courses with a grade of 'D' (1.00) may be applied to the major.Students are only permitted three attempts for all major courses; following a third unsuccessful attempt the student will no longer be able to pursue the major. |