2026-2027

B.S. Forensic Science Advising

- Hi and Welcome! We will begin shortly
- Please have a copy of this PowerPoint Presentation handy if possible, make sure to download PPT for future reference
- Please make sure your audio is working, video is encouraged
- We will review the PPT Presentation together
- Instructor may mute all student's audio during presentation
- There will be plenty of time for Q&A session at end of presentation to fully answer all questions
- Open the Chat- for any immediate questions
- We adhere to FERPA policies and require that this session is only attended by students.

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✓https://mason360.gmu.edu/fssa/home/

How do I get advising??

❖ Students are responsible to seek advising when needed.

❖Advising appoints are scheduled via Patriot Connect

❖You MUST bring your Projected Schedule AND Degree Audit from Patriot Web.

❖Failure to be prepared may result in a cancelled appointment.

Forensic Science Degrees & Concentrations

Undergraduate BS in Forensic Science:

- Criminalistics Concentration
- Forensic Biology Concentration
- Forensic Chemistry Concentration
- Interdisciplinary Forensic Science Concentration

Graduate MS in Forensic Science:

- Crime Scene Investigations Concentration
- Forensic Biology Concentration
- Forensic Chemistry Concentration
- Biometrics Identity Analysis Concentration

Accelerated Bachelors/Masters (BAM):

- see advisor, earn BS and MS in a more condensed timeframe, must meet all prerequisites and have earned 60 credits (refer to catalog.gmu.edu)

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Forensic Science Degree Requirements

2026-2027 Catalog Year (catalog.gmu.edu)

	College of Science- Forensic Science B.S.			Important Notes
1	Mason Core (General Education)	Ex. English, Comm, IT, Arts, etc.	27 credits minimum	
2	Forensic Science Major Requirements	Ex. Forensic Science, Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics, etc.	74 – 89 credits depending on concentration	• All 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 advised to be aware of any prerequisites that may be required for each course in the curriculum.
3	General Electives	Any academic course/minor credits and/or up to 3 credits of RECR	Remaining credits	Must complete 120 credits total for graduation. 45 credits must be upper level 300-400 (100-200 is lower level)

Tracked in Mason Degree Audit (Patriot Web)

Mason Degree Audit

Be your own advocate!!!

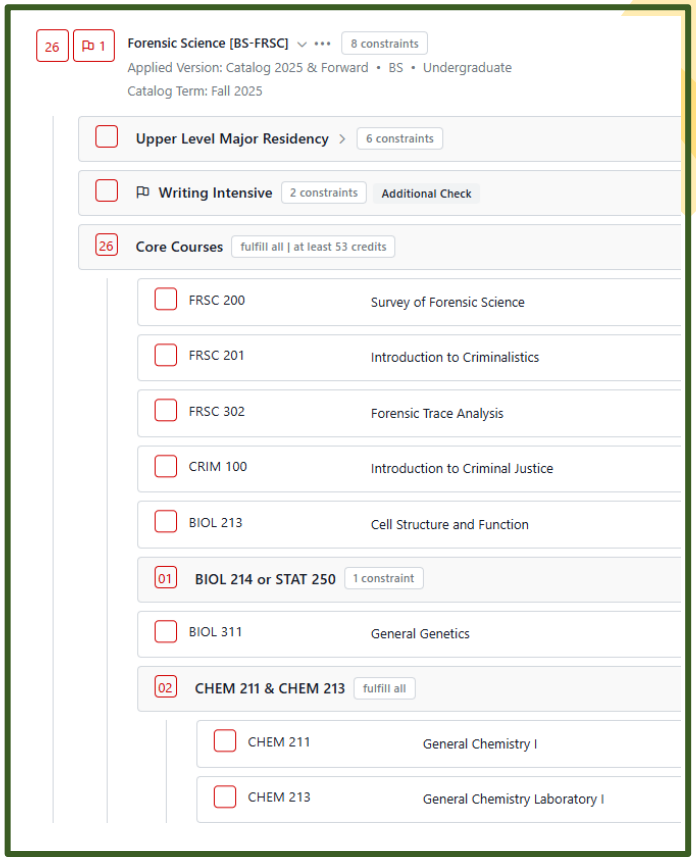
Mason Degree Audit: Generates a report to show which requirements have/have not been met to complete your current degree

Log into Patriot Web and Click “Student Services” tab

- Click “Student Profile”
- Click “Mason Degree Audit”

Review your Mason Degree Audit every semester to track your progress!

Homework: Check out your Mason Degree Audit after this session.



1. Mason Core Courses (27 credit hours)

Mason Core Requirement	Courses and Prerequisites/Notes	Credits
Written Communication	ENGH 101, 3 credits (or ENGH 100 Multilingual students or ENGH 123 International/English learner students, 4 credits)- must obtain C- or higher	3-4
	ENGH 302- "Natural Sciences" section is recommended, must obtain a C- or higher Must have completed ENGH 101/100/123 and Mason Core Literature Completed 45 credits recommended	3
Oral Communication	COMM 101 (recommended) or INTS 101 or INTS 202 (COMM 100 transfer credit only)	3-6
Global History	HIST 125 (recommended) or HIST 394	3
Information Technology & Computing	Refer to catalog for full listing	3
Arts	Refer to catalog for full listing	3
Global Contexts	Refer to catalog for full listing	3
Literature	Refer to catalog for full listing	3
Mason Apex	Refer to catalog for full listing Completed 85 credits recommended Check pre-requisites for eligible options, these are upper level courses	3
Quantitative Reasoning	Satisfied by major requirements (MATH/STAT)	-
Natural Science	Satisfied by major requirements (CHEM/BIOL/PHYS)	-
Social & Behavioral Sciences	Satisfied by major requirements (CRIM 100)	-
Writing Intensive	Satisfied by major requirements (FRSC 302)	
Just Societies "Flag"- Optional	Exploration-level courses (Arts, Global Contexts, Literature, Global History, Natural Science, and Social/Behavioral Sciences) marked with a Just Societies flag are specifically designed to help students learn to interact effectively with others from all walks of life, ex. different backgrounds, beliefs.	

2. Major Requirements

IMPORTANT!

Must obtain a C or higher in all College of Science (COS) pre-requisite courses (not a C-, D, or F)

Students are responsible for checking for changes in pre-requisites and co-requisites

Forensic Science Core Courses: 12 credits
All FRSC Majors

Course	Credits	Pre-requisites	Co-requisites
FRSC 200- Survey of Forensic Science	3	No pre-reqs.	
FRSC 201- Intro to Criminalistics	3	No pre-reqs.	
FRSC 302- Forensic Trace Analysis	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200 and FRSC 201.	
CRIM 100- Into to Criminal Justice	3	No pre-reqs.	

2. Major Requirements Continued
Natural Science Courses: 41-44 credits
All FRSC Majors

Course	Credits	Pre-requisites	Co-requisites
BIOL 213- Cell Structure and Function	3	Minimum grade of C in CHEM 211 or BIOL 103.	BIOL 215
BIOL 215- Cell Structure and Function Lab	1	Minimum grade of C in BIOL 213, may be taken concurrently.	
BIOL 214*- Biostatistics	4	No pre-reqs.	BIOL 213 recommended
STAT 250* - Intro Statistics	3	High school algebra recommended.	
BIOL 311- General Genetics	3	Minimum grade of C in BIOL 213. BIOL 214 recommended.	BIOL 313
BIOL 313- General Genetics Lab	1	Minimum grade of C in BIOL 213 or 215, and BIOL 311, may be taken concurrently.	
CHEM 211- General Chemistry I	3	No pre-reqs.	CHEM 213 recommended
CHEM 213- General Chemistry I Lab	1	Minimum grade of C in CHEM 211, may be taken concurrently.	CHEM 211
CHEM 212- General Chemistry II	3	Minimum grade of C in CHEM 211.	CHEM 214 recommended
CHEM 214- General Chemistry II Lab	1	Minimum grade of C in CHEM 211, CHEM 212 and CHEM 213. CHEM 212 may be taken concurrently.	CHEM 212
CHEM 313- Organic Chemistry I	3	Minimum grade of C in CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, and CHEM 214.	CHEM 315 recommended
CHEM 314- Organic Chemistry II	3	Minimum grade of C in CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, CHEM 214, and CHEM 313.	CHEM 318 recommended
CHEM 315- Organic Chemistry I Lab	2	Minimum grade of C in CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, CHEM 214, and CHEM 313. CHEM 313 may be taken concurrently.	CHEM 313
CHEM 318- Organic Chemistry II Lab	2	Minimum grade of C in CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, CHEM 214, CHEM 313, CHEM 314, and CHEM 315. CHEM 314 may be taken concurrently.	CHEM 314
MATH 113 (4)- Analytical Geometry/Calculus or *MATH 123/124 (3,3)*	4 or 6	Minimum grade of C in MATH 104 or 105, or specified score on placement test.	
PHYS 243- College Physics I **	3	No pre-reqs.	PHYS 244 recommended
PHYS 244- College Physics I Lab **	1	Minimum grade of C in PHYS 243, may be taken concurrently.	PHYS 243
PHYS 245- College Physics II **	3	Minimum grade of C in PHYS 243.	PHYS 246 recommended
PHYS 246- College Physics II Lab **	1	Minimum grade of C in PHYS 244 and PHYS 245. PHYS 245 may be taken concurrently	PHYS 245

*one or the other STAT 250 or BIOL 214, BIOL 214 is recommended

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**Students in the Forensic Chemistry Concentration may instead choose the following University Physics sequence:
PHYS 160 **&** PHYS 161 **&** PHYS 260 **&** PHYS 261 (Please note that PHYS 260/261 requires a pre/co-requisite of Calculus III: MATH 213.)

2. Major Requirements
Criminalistics Concentration: 32-39 credits

Course	Credits	Pre-requisites	Co-requisites
Forensic Science Extended Core			
FRSC 303- Forensic Evidence and Ethics	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200 and CRIM 100.	
FRSC 304- Forensic Chemistry	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, CHEM 214, CHEM 313, and CHEM 315.	FRSC 305 recommended
FRSC 305- Forensic Chemistry Lab	1	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 304, CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, CHEM 214, CHEM 313, and CHEM 315.	FRSC 304 may be taken concurrently
FRSC 401- Crime Scene Investigations	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 302, and FRSC 303. Majors only.	
FRSC 405*- Independent Research Methods	3	Completion of 90 credits or permission of instructor. Majors only.	
FRSC 406*- Forensic Internship **	3	Completion of 60 credits or permission of instructor. Majors only.	
FRSC 460- Forensic DNA Analysis	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, BIOL 213, and BIOL 311.	FRSC 461 recommended
FRSC 461- Forensic DNA Analysis Lab	1	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 460, BIOL 213, and BIOL 311	FRSC 460 may be taken concurrently
Required Concentration Courses			
Select two lecture and laboratory pairings: FRSC 325 & 326, BIOL 305 & 306, BIOL 405, BIOL 407, BIOL 430, BIOL 431, BIOL 452 & 453, BIOL 465, BIOL 483 or CHEM 463 & CHEM 465, BIOL 484 & 485, CHEM 321, CHEM 331 & 336	8-12	Check catalog for pre-reqs	Check catalog for co-reqs
Supporting Science Courses			
Select a minimum of 7 credits (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	Check catalog for pre-reqs	Check catalog for co-reqs

* take one or the other FRSC 405 or 406

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** FRSC 406 Forensic Internships- must be forensic related, must complete 135 hours in the semester that you are enrolled, apply to several, obtain guide from FSP, deadlines are approx. a semester/year in advance, up to student to obtain internship (background check, interview, polygraph, etc.)

2. Major Requirements
Forensic Biology Concentration: 32-35 credits

Course	Credits	Pre-requisites	Co-requisites
Forensic Science Extended Core			
FRSC 303- Forensic Evidence and Ethics	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200 and CRIM 100.	
FRSC 304- Forensic Chemistry	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, CHEM 214, CHEM 313, and CHEM 315.	FRSC 305 recommended
FRSC 305- Forensic Chemistry Lab	1	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 304, CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, CHEM 214, CHEM 313, and CHEM 315.	FRSC 304 may be taken concurrently
FRSC 401- Crime Scene Investigations	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 302, and FRSC 303. Majors only.	
FRSC 405*- Independent Research Methods	3	Completion of 90 credits or permission of instructor. Majors only.	
FRSC 406*- Forensic Internship **	3	Completion of 60 credits or permission of instructor. Majors only.	
FRSC 460- Forensic DNA Analysis	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, BIOL 213, and BIOL 311.	FRSC 461 recommended
FRSC 461- Forensic DNA Analysis Lab	1	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 460, BIOL 213, and BIOL 311	FRSC 460 may be taken concurrently
Required Concentration Courses			
FRSC 325- Molecular Biology	3	Minimum of C in BIOL 213, BIOL 214 or STAT 250, and BIOL 311	FRSC 326 recommended
FRSC 326- Molecular Biology Lab	1	Minimum of C in BIOL 213, BIOL 214 or STAT 250, BIOL 311, and FRSC 325	FRSC 325 may be taken concurrently
FRSC 470- Forensic Genomics	4	Minimum of C in BIOL 213, BIOL 214 or STAT 250, BIOL 311, and FRSC 460	
BIOL 483- General Biochemistry	4	Minimum of C in BIOL 213 and CHEM 313	
Supporting Science Courses			
Select a minimum of 3 credits: FRSC 450, 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 484, BIOL 485, BIOL 486	3	Check catalog for pre-reqs	Check catalog for co-reqs

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2. Major Requirements
Forensic Chemistry Concentration: 36-39 credits

Course	Credits	Pre-requisites	Co-requisites
Forensic Science Extended Core			
FRSC 303- Forensic Evidence and Ethics	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200 and CRIM 100.	
FRSC 304- Forensic Chemistry	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, CHEM 214, CHEM 313, and CHEM 315.	FRSC 305 recommended
FRSC 305- Forensic Chemistry Lab	1	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 304, CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, CHEM 214, CHEM 313, and CHEM 315.	FRSC 304 may be taken concurrently
FRSC 401- Crime Scene Investigations	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 302, and FRSC 303. Majors only.	
FRSC 405*- Independent Research Methods	3	Completion of 90 credits or permission of instructor. Majors only.	
FRSC 406*- Forensic Internship **	3	Completion of 60 credits or permission of instructor. Majors only.	
FRSC 460- Forensic DNA Analysis	3	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, BIOL 213, and BIOL 311.	FRSC 461 recommended
FRSC 461- Forensic DNA Analysis Lab	1	Minimum of C in FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 460, BIOL 213, and BIOL 311	FRSC 460 may be taken concurrently
Required Concentration Courses			
FRSC 404- Advanced Instrumentation in Forensic Chemistry	4	Minimum grade of C in CHEM 314, CHEM 318, CHEM 321, FRSC 304, FRSC 305, and STAT 250 or BIOL 214	
CHEM 321- Quantitative Chemical Analysis	4	Minimum grade of C in CHEM 211, CHEM 212, CHEM 213, CHEM 214, and MATH 113/124	
MATH 114- Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	4	Minimum grade of C in MATH 113 or MATH 123 and 124	
Supporting Science Courses			
Select a minimum of 7 credits: CHEM 331, CHEM 336, CHEM 332, CHEM 337, CHEM 422, CHEM 423, CHEM 424, CHEM 427, CHEM 441, CHEM 446, CHEM 463, CHEM 464, CHEM 465	7	Check catalog for pre-reqs	Check catalog for co-reqs

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2. Major Requirements
Interdisciplinary Forensic Science Concentration: 21 credits

Course	Credits	Pre-requisites	Co-requisites
Forensic Science Extended Core			
Select 6 credits (not previously taken) of any 300-400 level FRSC course	6	Check catalog for pre-reqs	Check catalog for co-reqs
Interdisciplinary Courses or Minor			
Option 1: Interdisciplinary Coursework: Select a minimum of 15 credits (not previously taken) from the following courses : Any 300-400 level FRSC courses, 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 Option2: Complementary Minor: Select one minor of the following: Any minor offered by the College of Science, Anthropology Minor, Bioengineering Minor, Computer Science Minor, Data Analysis Minor, Criminology/Law/Society Minor, Forensic Psychology Minor, Information Technology Minor, Intelligence Security Minor, International Security Minor, Legal Studies Minor, Photography Minor, Psychology Minor, Statistics Minor	15 credits or minor	Check catalog for pre-reqs	Check catalog for co-reqs

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Forensic Science, BS
Criminalistics Concentration
Catalog Year 2026-2027

YEAR ONE			
First Semester	**Credits: 14-16**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 14-16**
CHEM 211 & CHEM 213	4	CHEM 212 & CHEM 214	4
MATH 113 or MATH 123 (Must take math placement test) *	3-4	BIOL 213 & BIOL 215	4
CRIM 100	3	STAT 250 or BIOL 214	3-4
Elective: UNIV 100 or COS 100 if applicable (Recommended)	0-1	Elective: UNIV 100/COS 100 (if not taken in fall, recommended)	0-1
Mason Core ex. ENGH 101/100/123	3-4	Mason Core ex. Oral Comm	3-4

YEAR TWO			
First Semester	**Credits: 15**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 15**
CHEM 313 & CHEM 315	5	CHEM 314 & CHEM 318	5
FRSC 200	3	FRSC 201	3
PHYS 243 & PHYS 244	4	PHYS 245 & PHYS 246	4
Mason Core ex. Arts	3	Mason Core ex. Literature	3

YEAR THREE			
First Semester	**Credits: 15-16**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 15-17**
Lecture/Lab Pairing Concentration Course	4-6	Lecture/Lab Pairing Concentration Course	4-6
General Elective	0-3	BIOL 311 & BIOL 313	4
FRSC 302	3	FRSC 304 & FRSC 305	4
FRSC 303	3	Mason Core ex. IT & Computing	3
Mason Core ex. ENGH 302	3		

YEAR FOUR			
First Semester	**Credits: 15-16**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 15-16**
Supporting Science	3-4	Supporting Science	4
FRSC 460 & FRSC 461	4	FRSC 405 or FRSC 406	3
Mason Core ex. Global History	3	FRSC 401	3
Mason Core ex. Global Contexts	3	Mason Core ex. Apex	3
General Elective	1-3	General Elective	2-3

MINIMUM CREDITS TO GRADUATE: 120 credits
UPPER DIVISION CREDITS: Minimum 45 credits at the 300 or 400 upper level.
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Forensic Science, BS
Forensic Biology Concentration
Catalog Year 2026-2027

YEAR ONE			
First Semester	**Credits: 14-16**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 14-16**
CHEM 211 & CHEM 213	4	CHEM 212 & CHEM 214	4
MATH 113 or MATH 123 (Must take math placement test) *	3-4	BIOL 213 & BIOL 215	4
CRIM 100	3	STAT 250 or BIOL 214	3-4
Elective: UNIV 100 or COS 100 if applicable (Recommended)	0-1	Elective: UNIV 100/COS 100 (if not taken in fall, recommended)	0-1
Mason Core ex. ENGH 101/100/123	3-4	Mason Core ex. Oral Comm	3-4

YEAR TWO			
First Semester	**Credits: 15**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 15**
CHEM 313 & CHEM 315	5	CHEM 314 & CHEM 318	5
FRSC 200	3	FRSC 201	3
BIOL 311 & BIOL 313	4	FRSC 325 & FRSC 326	4
Mason Core ex. Arts	3	Mason Core ex. Literature	3

YEAR THREE			
First Semester	**Credits: 16**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 15**
FRSC 302	3	FRSC 460 & FRSC 461	4
FRSC 303	3	BIOL 483	4
PHYS 243 & PHYS 244	4	PHYS 245 & PHYS 246	4
Supporting Science	3	Mason Core ex. Global History	3
Mason Core ex. ENGH 302	3		

YEAR FOUR			
First Semester	**Credits: 15**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 14-16**
FRSC 304 & FRSC 305	4	FRSC 470 **	4
General Elective	1	General Elective	1-3
FRSC 405 or 406	3	Mason Core ex. IT & Computing	3
Mason Core ex. Global Contexts	3	Mason Core ex. Apex	3
Supporting Science	4	FRSC 401	3

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Forensic Chemistry Concentration
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YEAR ONE			
First Semester	**Credits: 14-16**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 15-16**
CHEM 211 & CHEM 213	4	CHEM 212 & CHEM 214	4
MATH 113 (Must take math placement test)	4	BIOL 213 & BIOL 215	4
CRIM 100	3	MATH 114	4
Elective: UNIV 100 or COS 100 if applicable (Recommended)	0-1	Elective: UNIV 100/COS 100 (if not taken in fall, recommended)	0-1
Mason Core ex. ENGH 101/100/123	3-4	Mason Core ex. Oral Comm	3-4

YEAR TWO			
First Semester	**Credits: 14-15**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 14-15**
CHEM 313 & CHEM 315	5	CHEM 314 & CHEM 318	5
FRSC 200	3	FRSC 201	3
MATH 213 or General Elective	3-4	STAT 250 or BIOL 214	3-4
Mason Core ex. Arts	3	Mason Core ex. Literature	3

YEAR THREE			
First Semester	**Credits: 17**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 15**
CHEM 321	4	BIOL 311 & BIOL 313	4
PHYS 243 & 244 or PHYS 160 & 161	4	PHYS 245 & 246 or PHYS 260 & 261	4
FRSC 302	3	FRSC 304 & FRSC 305	4
FRSC 303	3	Mason Core ex. Global History	3
Mason Core ex. ENGH 302	3		

YEAR FOUR			
First Semester	**Credits: 14-15**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 16**
Supporting Science	4	Supporting Science	3
FRSC 460 & FRSC 461	4	FRSC 404 *	4
General Elective	0-1	FRSC 401	3
FRSC 405 or 406	3	Mason Core ex. Apex	3
Mason Core ex. Global Contexts	3	Mason Core ex. IT & Computing	3

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Interdisciplinary Forensic Science Concentration
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YEAR ONE			
First Semester	**Credits: 14-16**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 14-16**
CHEM 211 & CHEM 213	4	CHEM 212 & CHEM 214	4
MATH 113 or MATH 123 (Must take math placement test) *	3-4	BIOL 213 & BIOL 215	4
CRIM 100	3	STAT 250 or BIOL 214	3-4
Elective: UNIV 100 or COS 100 if applicable (Recommended)	0-1	Elective: UNIV 100/COS 100 (if not taken in fall, recommended)	0-1
Mason Core ex. ENGH 101/100/123	3-4	Mason Core ex. Oral Comm	3-4

YEAR TWO			
First Semester	**Credits: 15**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 15**
CHEM 313 & CHEM 315	5	CHEM 314 & CHEM 318	5
FRSC 200	3	FRSC 201	3
PHYS 243 & PHYS 244	4	PHYS 245 & PHYS 246	4
Mason Core ex. Arts	3	Mason Core ex. Literature	3

YEAR THREE			
First Semester	**Credits: 15**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 16**
Concentration Course/Minor Course	3	Concentration Course/Minor Course	3
General Elective	3	BIOL 311 & BIOL 313	4
FRSC 302	3	Extended Forensic Science Course	3
Mason Core ex. Global History	3	General Elective	3
Mason Core ex. ENGH 302	3	Mason Core ex. IT & Computing	3

YEAR FOUR			
First Semester	**Credits: 15**	**Second Semester**	**Credits: 15-16**
Concentration Courses/Minor Courses	3	Concentration Course/Minor Course	6
Extended Forensic Science Course	3	Mason Core ex. Apex	3
Mason Core ex. Global Contexts	3	General Elective	6-7
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Homework: Projected Schedule Example

YOU MUST TAKE 15-16 CREDITS EACH FALL/SPRING SEMESTER TO GRADUATE IN 4 YEARS.

YOU SHOULD BALANCE EACH SEMESTER WITH SOME MASON CORE COURSES AND GENERAL ELECTIVES, AND SOME MAJOR REQUIREMENTS. DON'T TAKE ALL MASON CORE/GENERAL ELECTIVES ALL AT ONCE.

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B.S. in Forensic Science
Student Projected Schedule

	Fall (credits)	Spring (credits)	Summer (credits)	
First Year	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	____ credits for semester	____ credits for semester	____ credits for semester	____ credits for year
Second Year	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	____ credits for semester	____ credits for semester	____ credits for semester	____ credits for year
Third Year	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
	____ credits for semester	____ credits for semester	____ credits for semester	____ credits for year
Fourth Year	( )	( )	( )	
	( )	( )	( )	
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	____ credits for semester	____ credits for semester	____ credits for semester	____ credits for year

____ TOTALCREDITS

Advisor Name: _____ Approval Date: _____

Advisor Use Only

Complete your projected schedule and review it with a forensic science advisor

This is not permanent, it is meant for planning purposes.

We get very busy during registration, come see us early!

Summer courses are not required.

Note- full time status is 12 credits or more

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Important Notes

- **Forensic Science Internships and Jobs will typically require a background check**
  - Students should be advised that background checks similar to those required for law enforcement officers are likely to be a condition of employment (Reference: NIJ Report NCJ 203099 – "Qualifications for a Career in Forensic Science," pp.7-10)

- **All Academic Standards and Code of Student Conduct violations will be reported**

- **GMU Academic Policy- all students are limited to 3 attempts in all classes A.P. 1.3.4**

- **Catalog**: Student is responsible for all policies and requirements: catalog.gmu.edu

- **Academic Support:** Student is responsible for seeking academic support when needed ex. GTA/LA/office hours/tutor centers- don't get behind, ask your instructor. See a forensic science advisor at least once a year.

- **Schedule**: All Forensic Science core courses are offered in the Fall and Spring. Please check class schedule for concentration course offerings.

- **Taking Courses Elsewhere**: This is not a guarantee. Students must be eligible and given permission BEFORE taking classes at any other institution if they wish to have the credit(s) transfer back to GMU; refer to policies and complete form on registrar's website before deadline.

- **Financial Aid**: Must maintain a 2.0 to receive financial aid. Check your financial aid institutions polices.

- **Credit By Exam / Transfer Credit / Dual Enrollment, etc.** : Student is responsible for requesting all scores/transcripts to be sent to Mason Admissions Office.

http://admissions.gmu.edu/exams/

http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/transferCreditEvaluation.asp

Homework due this summer: Math Placement Test

- All FRSC majors must complete Calculus I: MATH 113 or MATH 123/124
  (MATH 123 and 124 is the same as MATH 113 but taught over two semesters)
- The Math Placement Test is REQUIRED to register for these courses- you are blocked from registration of MATH courses!
  (Unless you have transfer credit with a grade of C or higher/AP credit for MATH 105- Pre-Calculus)
- The score on the placement test will be valid for three consecutive semesters, including the summer.
- What if I don't place into MATH 113/MATH 123? If you place into MATH 105 (Pre-Calculus) you may take this course, as long as you obtain a C or better in MATH 105 you will be able to continue to MATH 113/MATH 123 without retaking the Placement Test.
- Or, you can practice (Placement Test Remediation- ALEKS) and retake the test.
- What if I don't place into any of the MATH courses? On-line MATH 008 Algebra Tutorial (self-paced) to prepare students for MATH 105.
- Placement Test is offered on Fairfax Campus, check website for hours and full instructions, Exploratory Hall 4107
- Online Placement Test: must live 50 miles or more away from campus (mtc@gmu.edu)

All questions must be directed to the Math Department, not to the Forensic Science Program

http://math.gmu.edu/placement_test.php

Registration

Option # 1	Option # 2	Option # 3
1. CHEM 211 & 213 (3,1)	1. CHEM 211 & 213 (3,1)	1. PHYS 243 & 244 (3,1)
2. MATH 113 (4)/123 (3)/105 (4) *(Must take Math Placement Test)*	2. PHYS 243 & 244 (3,1)	2. MATH 113 (4)/123 (3)/105 (4) *(Must take Math Placement Test)*
3. CRIM 100 (3) or STAT 250 (3)	3. CRIM 100 (3) or STAT 250 (3)	3. CRIM 100 (3) or STAT 250 (3)
4. Pick one Mason Core: (3-4) ex. ENGH 101/100/123 or COMM 101 or Arts or Global History or IT	4. Pick one Mason Core: (3-4) ex. ENGH 101/100/123 or COMM 101 or Arts or Global History or IT	4. Pick one Mason Core: (3-4) ex. ENGH 101/100/123 or COMM 101 or Arts or Global History or IT
5. UNIV 100 (1) Freshman only *(Optional) or COS 100*	5. UNIV 100 (1) Freshman only *(Optional) or COS 100*	5. UNIV 100 (1) Freshman only *(Optional) or COS 100*

14-16 credits total

"Linked Courses" = you must register for all linked sections simultaneously (lecture, labs, recitations)
ex. PHYS 243 lecture and recitation, COMM 101 lecture and lab

Do not take FRSC 101; this course is not for FRSC majors

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Orientation PPT & Handouts 2026-2027: https://science.gmu.edu/academics/advising-student-support

If you don't have questions: Go back to main room and fully register for classes
Do NOT leave the main room until you are fully registered (bottom right button "leave breakout")