

Madonna University - Undergraduate Forensic Science Curriculum - Sample Plan of Study

Year One - Pre-Forensic Science

Fall Semester		s.h.		Winter Semester		s.h.
BIO 1030 + LB	General Biology I* (CC-6A)	4		FOR 1010 + LB	Intro to Forensic Science*	4
CHM 1110 + LB	General Chemistry I* (CC-6B)	4		CHM 1120 + LB	General Chemistry II*	4
MTH 1050	1050 College Algebra (CC-5)	4		MTH 1210	Pre-Calculus	5
UNV 1010	Transition to Higher Education	1		WRT 1020	College Composition II*	3
WRT 1010	College Composition I (CC-1A)	3				
	Total	16		Total		16

Year Two - Pre-Forensic Science

Fall Semester		s.h.		Winter Semester		s.h.
CHM 2210 + LB	Organic Chemistry I*	4		BIO 2450 + LB	Anatomy and Physiology	4
MTH 2510	Calculus w/ Analytic Geometry*	5		MTH 2350	Probability & Statistics*	4
SC-8B	Religious Studies (RST)	3		CHM 2220 + LB	Organic Chemistry II	4
CC-2	Intercultural Knowledge	3		COM 2350	Public Speaking (CC-1B)	3
PSY 1010	General Psychology (CC-4)	3		CC-3	Civic and Global Identity	3
	Total	18		Total		18

Year Three - Forensic Science

Fall Semester		s.h.		Winter Semester		s.h.
BIO 3010 + LB	Genetics	4		CHM 3610 + LB	Biochemistry I	4
FOR 3410 + LB	Impressions & Trace Evidence	4		FOR 3420 +LB	Firearm & Tool Mark Analysis	4
PHY 2530/2630 +LB	Physics I	4		FOR 3210	Principles of Criminology (CC-4)	3
CHM 4510 +LB	Instrumental Analysis	4		PHY 2540/2640	Physics II	4
				SC-7	Literature & Information Fluency	3
	Total	16		Total		18

Year Four - Forensic Science

Fall Semester		s.h.		Winter Semester		s.h.
FOR 3040	Criminal Law and Procedure	3		BIO 4410 + LB	Molecular Biology	3
FOR 4520 + LB	Forensic Biology	4		SC-8A	RST 3100 or equivalent	3
FOR 4540 + LB	Forensic Chemistry	4		FOR 4650 + LB	Ethics & Expert Testimony	3
SC-9	Diverse Perspectives	3		FOR 4950	Senior Seminar	2
FOR 2100	Research Methods	1		FOR 3430+ LB	Forensic Anthropology	4
				or FOR 4640 + LB	Toxicology	4
	Total	15		Total		15

Students must complete the pre-forensic science block of courses (*) with a specific GPA in order to be considered for Forensic Science Program.

*These courses must be completed with a minimum of a 2.75 GPA in order to be eligible to apply for acceptance into the Forensic Science Program.

Please note: "Sample Plan of Study" was designed with pre-requisite courses in mind. Please see Academic Advisor for alternate course selection if changing semester course sequence.

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