Forensic Science

Forensic Science is designed for those wishing to pursue a career in forensic sciences, criminology, investigations, law enforcement, private or government agencies, jails and correctional institutions, and medical examiner’s offices. The Criminalistics specialization provides preparation for work in crime and forensics laboratories, law enforcement agencies, private forensic and genetics laboratories, and research institutes. The Investigations specialization assists individuals pursuing careers in forensic crime scene and death investigations, medical investigations, private investigation and jail/correction areas.

Entry Level Positions
- Trace evidence
- Forensics (DNA)
- Forensic toxicology
- Computer forensics
- Latent fingerprint examinations
- Police/probation officer
- Juvenile and adult corrections
- Jail or prison worker

Further Education/Experience Required
- Criminologist
- Investigator
- Lab director
- Lead investigator
- Public defender/district attorney
- FBI agent/counter intelligence agent
- Security and protective services
- Research specialist

Enhancing Employability

Participate in internships with the Department of Justice, Criminal Divisions, local police departments, correctional facilities, and any federal/state/local law enforcement agencies. Join local chapters of professional associations in your area.

Employers of Forensic Science Graduates
- Public Courts
- Police Departments
- Criminal Investigation
- Detective Work
- Private detention/prison facilities
- Forensic and Police Technology
- Medical Examiner’s Office
- Forensic Laboratories
- National/Homeland Security
- Postal Authority
- Local/state/federal governments

Professional Associations and Affiliations

- American Board of Forensics Psychology
  www.abfp.com
- American Society of Criminology
  www.asc41.com
- American Academy of Forensic Science
  www.aafs.org
- American Board of Criminalistics
  www.criminalistics.com
- American Society of Crime Lab Directors
  www.ascld.org
- California Association of Criminalists
  www.cacnews.org
- California Association of Licensed Investigators
  www.cali-pi.org
- National Association of Legal Investigators
  www.nalionline.org
- Private Investigator Resources
  www.einvestigator.com
- Southern California Assoc. of Fingerprint Officers
  www.scafo.org
- FBI
  www.fbi.gov
- Federal Bureau of Prisons
  www.bop.gov
- The Corrections Connection
  www.corrections.com
- Society of Investigation Services
  www.asis.com