

# FORENSIC INVESTIGATION

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## ABOUT THE FORENSIC INVESTIGATION PROGRAM AND MAJOR

The forensic investigation major provides a thorough practical and theoretical study to the application of science within the investigative process. Students will explore the role that science plays in recognizing, documenting, collecting, and preserving physical evidence at crime scenes, and how this evidence is evaluated within a courtroom setting.

The UW-Platteville criminal justice and forensic investigation programs have received national recognition for the superior quality of their internship programs. As a result, participation in internship programs is competitive. The programs reserve the right to refuse a student an internship if they are not a suitable candidate on the basis of scholarship, verbal ability, or character. To be eligible for internship, the student must have earned at least 60 credits plus 12 upper division criminal justice/forensic investigation credits and a 2.50 G.P.A.

The UW-Platteville Departments of Chemistry, Engineering Physics, Biology, and Criminal Justice and Social Sciences cooperate in preparing students interested in becoming crime laboratory analysts.

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of the forensic investigation program should be able to:

1. Utilize and describe methods of collection, preservation, analysis, and comparison
2. Identify the relevant legal and ethical issues involved in evidence collection and processing
3. Demonstrate proper logic, grammar, and style in writing forensic investigation reports
4. Review forensic research for purposes of solving a forensic problem
5. Understand the social and historical changes relevant to the study of forensic criminology

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Course	Title	Credits
Total for graduation		120
General education		44-58
Major studies		36

## MAJOR

- Forensic Investigation Major, B.S. (<http://catalog.uwplatt.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-education/social-sciences/forensic-investigation-bs/>)
  - Crime Scene Emphasis
  - Laboratory Emphasis

## MINOR

- Forensic Investigation Minor (<http://catalog.uwplatt.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-education/social-sciences/forensic-investigation-minor/>)