

FORENSIC INVESTIGATION (MASTER OF SCIENCE)

Application Deadlines:

The general deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission.

Application Materials Required for the MS in Forensic Investigation

Applicants for the MS in Forensic Investigation must submit the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

Graduate Admissions
Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (<https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and all transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from a institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. At least two of these must be academic or professional references. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
5. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (<https://www.jsu.edu/admissions/international-admissions/graduate.html>) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

Admission Requirements for the MS in Forensic Investigation

Applicants for the MS in Forensic Investigation must meet both the Graduate Schools requirements and Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation requirements.

Unconditional Admission

- Applicants to the MS in Forensic Investigation must have an undergraduate major in Criminal Justice, Forensic Investigation, or a closely related field, as determined by the graduate coordinator of the degree or the Department Head.
- Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of at least a 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) are eligible for unconditional admission.

Conditional Admission

- Any applicant not meeting the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate coordinator of the degree or the Department Head and approval of the Dean of the Graduate School.

Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.

Minimum Requirements for the MS in Forensic Investigation

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00.

Course	Title	Credits
Core Courses (15 Credit Hours)		
FI 5200	Principles of Forensic Investigation	3
FI 5205	Forensic Management and Organization Development	3
FI 5210	Forensic Writing and Presentation Skills	3
FI 5501	Applied Data Analysis	3
FI 5702	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
FI Electives - Select 15 credit hours of courses numbered 5000-5999		15
Total Hours		30

30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

Graduation and Portfolio

A portfolio is required for graduation with this degree; please see the graduate advisor for full details. All students must apply for graduation (<http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>) by the given deadline of the semester (<http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>) in which they plan to graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/>) section of this catalog for more information.