

# FORENSIC INVESTIGATION - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (BACHELOR OF SCIENCE)

*Track One: "Criminal Investigations"* is designed for students interested in working in an investigative capacity in the professional field of law enforcement. It provides insights into basic investigative skills, as well as specialized skills in drug, homicide, sex offenses, child abuse, and arson investigations. The main theme for forensic investigation "Track One" however, is crime scene processing, identification and collection of physical evidence, and the presentation of evidence into a court of law. Forensic Investigation - Criminal Investigation majors must obtain a minor in Advanced Forensic Investigation.

Forensic Investigation Undecided majors must complete the lower division FI Core. Upon completion of the lower division FI Core courses, students will be assessed by their advisor for upper division coursework in the FI major. Students must meet the minimum 2.5 GPA overall and 2.5 GPA in their CJ and FI Core classes. Upon successful assessment, students will major in Forensic Investigation Track One, "Criminal Investigations" or Forensic Investigation Track Two, "Forensic Laboratory/Technician."

## Forensic Investigation Lower Division Core Courses

Course	Title	Credits
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 201	Criminal Law	3
CJ 202	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
CJ 305	Professional Writing in Criminal Justice (WI)	3
FI 204	Introduction to Forensic Investigation	3
FI 225	Criminal Courts	3
FI 227	Practical Writing for Investigations (WI)	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

Upon completion, students MUST meet with their advisor to determine whether they meet the minimum requirements to be assessed into the appropriate Forensic Investigation track.

## Track One (Criminal Investigations)

Course	Title	Credits
FI 310	Criminalistics	3
FI 320	Criminal Investigations	3
FI 330	Forensic Documentation	3
FI 340	Homicide Investigation	3
FI 350	Crime Scene Processing	3
FI 410	Imprint/Impression Evidence	3
FI 480	Trace Evidence	3
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
FI 472	Senior Internship in Criminal Justice	
FI 497	Senior Seminar I	
FI 498	Senior Seminar II	
FI 499	Senior Seminar III	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

<sup>1</sup> If a course is used to satisfy the Senior Capstone Course requirement, it cannot also be used to satisfy an elective requirement.

Courses credited within the core, track, or concentration will not be credited within another track, concentration, or minor.

*In addition to courses noted below, candidates for graduation must successfully complete all JSU Academic Regulations. More information about general education requirements can be found in the Summary of Degrees/Requirements (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/summary-degrees-requirements/>) section of the catalog.*

Freshman		Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
EH Composition sequence		3
Fine Arts		3
Natural Science		4
History Sequence		3
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SSC 101	First Year Experience	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EH Composition sequence		3
Natural Science		4
History Sequence		3
FI 204	Introduction to Forensic Investigation	3
MS 110 or MS 112	Finite Mathematics or Precalculus Algebra	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Sophomore</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Foreign Language		3
MS 204	Basic Statistics	3
PSC 100	Introduction to American Government	3
CJ 201	Criminal Law	3
CJ 305	Professional Writing in Criminal Justice (WI)	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EH 141	Speech	3
PSY 201	Principles of Psychology	3
CS 201	Introduction to Information Technology	3
CJ 202	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
FI 227	Practical Writing for Investigations (WI)	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Junior</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Literature		3
FI 225	Criminal Courts	3
FI 310	Criminalistics	3
FI 320	Criminal Investigations	3
FI 340	Homicide Investigation	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
FI 330	Forensic Documentation	3
FI 350	Crime Scene Processing	3
FI 410	Imprint/Impression Evidence	3
Adv. Forensic Investigation minor 300+ elective		3
General Electives		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

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**Senior**

**Fall**

FI 380	Medicolegal Death Investigation	3
FI 450	Advanced Crime Scene Techniques	3
Adv. Forensic Investigation Minor 300+ Electives		6
General Electives		2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

**Spring**

FI 480	Trace Evidence	3
Forensic Investigation Senior Capstone Course <sup>2</sup>		3
Forensic Investigation Major Field Test <sup>3</sup>		0
Adv. Forensic Investigation Minor 300+ Electives		3
General Electives		5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

**Total Hours 120**

<sup>1</sup> Choosing to declare a 2nd major will require additional classes and hours above the one major and one minor option listed above.

<sup>2</sup> Select one from these Senior Capstone Courses: FI 472 Senior Internship in Criminal Justice (3), FI 497 Senior Seminar I (3), FI 498 Senior Seminar II (3), or FI 499 Senior Seminar III (3).

<sup>3</sup> The Forensic Investigation Major Field Test is to be taken during the Senior Capstone Course.