

FORENSIC INVESTIGATION - LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (BACHELOR OF SCIENCE)

Track Two: "Laboratory/ Technician" is designed for students interested in working in a laboratory environment as either a forensic scientist or technician and is a solid foundation for graduate study. Track Two requires a minor in Forensic Biochemistry or a second major in either Biology, Chemistry, or Physics to assist in making our graduates as educated in their chosen area as possible.

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
Total Hours		21

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 Two - Forensic Laboratory/ Technician

Course	Title	Credits
FI 310	Criminalistics	3
FI 330	Forensic Documentation	3
FI 380	Medicolegal Death Investigation	3
FI 475	Drugs of Abuse	3
Forensic Investigation 300+ Electives		3
Select one of the following: ¹		3
FI 472	Senior Internship in Criminal Justice	
FI 497	Senior Seminar I	
FI 498	Senior Seminar II	
FI 499	Senior Seminar III	
Total Hours		18

¹ 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
Fall		
EH Composition sequence		3
Fine Arts		3
CY 105 & CY 107	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry Laboratory I	4
History Sequence		3
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SSC 101	First Year Experience	0
Hours		16
Spring		
EH Composition sequence		3
CY 106 & CY 108	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry Laboratory II	4
MS 112	Precalculus Algebra	3
History Sequence		3
FI 204	Introduction to Forensic Investigation	3
Hours		16
Sophomore		
Fall		
MS 113	Precalculus Trigonometry	3
Foreign Language		3
PSC 100	Introduction to American Government	3
CJ 201	Criminal Law	3
CJ 305	Professional Writing in Criminal Justice (WI)	3
Hours		15
Spring		
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
Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
Literature		3
BY 101 & BY 103	Introductory Biology I and Introductory Biology Lab I	4
FI 225	Criminal Courts	3
FI 310	Criminalistics	3
FI 300+ Elective		3
Hours		16
Spring		
BY 322	Genetics (WI)	4
CY 231	Organic Chemistry I	4
FI 330	Forensic Documentation	3
FI 475	Drugs of Abuse	3
Hours		14
Senior		
Fall		
FI 380	Medicolegal Death Investigation	3
CY 421	Instrumental Analysis	4

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Minor/2nd Major/General Electives ¹	7
Hours	14
Spring	
Forensic Investigation Senior Capstone Course ²	3
Forensic Investigation Major Field Test ³	0
BY 373 Cell Biology	4
General Electives ¹	7
Hours	14
Total Hours	120

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

² 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).

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