

# FORENSIC SCIENCE

BS in Forensic Science

## OVERVIEW

Forensic science combines natural science and criminal justice. Successful practitioners must have substantial technical expertise and knowledge, critical analytic and thinking abilities, superior communication skills, and an awareness of the scientist's ethical responsibilities in the legal process. Applying knowledge and technology from anthropology, biology, and chemistry, forensic scientists interact with the criminal justice system to collect, examine, and evaluate criminal evidence. This evidence may include hair, blood, and other bodily fluids; tool and tire marks; residue from gunshots; and textile fibers from clothing and other materials.

## CURRICULUM

The Forensic Science major requires 88 credit hours of coursework. This includes Laboratory Science Courses (minimum of 62 credit hours), Criminal Justice Courses (13 credit hours), Ancillary Courses (13 credit hours), and Electives (3–4 credit hours). For a complete list of courses that fulfill the degree requirements, visit [LUC.edu/forensicscience](http://LUC.edu/forensicscience).

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Forensic scientists interact closely with criminal justice professionals such as police officers, sheriff's deputies, prosecutors and defense attorneys, crime scene investigators, and agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Office of Homeland Security, and the Central Intelligence Agency. Forensic scientists work in morgues, laboratories, court settings, and police departments. They are employed by local, state, and federal government agencies; public and private universities; medical examiner offices; forensic and medical laboratories; hospitals; law firms; police departments; and a growing number of private companies. They can also be self-employed as consultants to courts, law enforcement agencies, university-based research laboratories, law firms, and medical examiner offices.

## RESOURCES

Forensic science majors are encouraged to join the Forensic Science Student Organization (FSSO), a group that organizes tours and forensic science field trips, hosts guest speakers, and works with the faculty of the Forensic Science Program and the Forensic Science Program Advisory Committee to meet the needs and interests of forensic science majors. In addition, forensic science majors may also participate in the Criminal Justice Organization, which sponsors activities, lectures, and social events of interest to students planning careers related to the field.



**ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Anthropology (BA, BS)  
 Art History (BA)  
 Biochemistry (BS)  
 Bioinformatics (BS)  
 Biology (BS)  
   Ecology  
   Molecular Biology  
 Biophysics (BS)  
 Black World Studies (BA)  
 Chemistry (BA, BS)  
 Classical Civilization (BA)  
 Communication Networks and Security (BS)  
 Computer Science (BS)  
 Criminal Justice and Criminology (BS)  
 Dance (BA)  
 Economics (BA)  
 English (BA)  
   Creative Writing  
 Forensic Science (BS)  
 French (BA)  
 Greek (Ancient) (BA)  
 History (BA)  
 Human Services (BS)  
 Information Technology (BS)  
 International Studies (BA)  
 Italian (BA)  
 Latin (BA)  
 Mathematics (BS)  
 Mathematics and Computer Science (BS)  
 Mathematics Education (BS)  
 Music (BA)  
   Jazz Studies  
   Sacred Music  
 Philosophy (BA)  
   Social Justice  
 Physics (BS)  
 Physics and Computer Science (BS)  
 Physics and Engineering (BS)  
 Political Science (BA)  
 Psychology (BS)  
 Religious Studies (BA)  
 Sociology (BA)  
 Sociology and Anthropology (BA)  
 Software Engineering (BS)  
 Spanish (BA)  
 Statistics (BS)  
 Studio Art (BA)  
   Ceramics  
   Drawing and Painting  
   Photography  
 Theatre (BA)  
 Theology (BA)  
 Theoretical Physics and Applied Mathematics (BS)  
 Visual Communication (BA)  
 Women's Studies and Gender Studies (BA)

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Accounting (BBA)  
 Economics (BBA)  
 Entrepreneurship (BBA)  
 Finance (BBA)  
 Human Resource Management (BBA)  
 Information Systems (BBA)  
 International Business (BBA)  
 Management (BBA)  
 Marketing (BBA)  
 Operations Management (BBA)  
 Sport Management (BBA)

**COMMUNICATION**

Advertising and Public Relations (BA)  
 Communication Studies (BA)  
   Advocacy and Social Change  
 Film and Digital Media (BA)  
   Digital Media  
   Film and Media Production  
   International Film Studies  
 Journalism (BA)

**EDUCATION**

Bilingual/Bicultural Education: K-9 (BSEd)  
 Early Childhood/Special Education (BSEd)  
 Elementary Education: K-9 (BSEd)  
 Elementary Mathematics Education (BSEd)  
 Elementary Science Education: K-9 (BSEd)  
 Secondary Education: 6-12, and foreign languages: K-12 (BSEd)  
 Special Education: K-12, Learning Behavior Specialist I (BSEd)

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Environmental Policy (BA)  
 Environmental Science (BS)  
 Environmental Studies (BA)

**FIVE YEAR PROGRAMS**

BBA/MBA  
 BBA/MSA Accountancy  
 BA Advertising and Public Relations/  
 MS Integrated Marketing Communication  
 BS/MS Applied Human Perception and Performance  
 BS/MS Applied Statistics  
 BS Biology/MBA  
 BS Biology/MEd Secondary Education  
 BA Chemistry/MEd Secondary Education  
 BS/MS Chemistry  
 BS Computer Science/MS Information Technology  
 BS Computer Science/MS Software Engineering  
 BS/MA Criminal Justice  
 BS/MA English

BS Environmental Science/MBA  
 BS/MSF, BA/MSF, BBA/MSF Finance  
 BS Health Systems Management/MBA  
 BS/MA History  
 BA/MSIMC Integrated Marketing Communications  
 BS/MS Mathematics and Computer Science  
 BS Physics/MEd Secondary Education  
 BA/MA Political Science  
 BS Psychology/MA Applied Social Psychology  
 BSW/MSW Social Work  
 BA/MA Sociology

**NURSING**

Accelerated BSN  
 Exercise Science (BS)  
 Health Systems Management (BS)  
 Nursing (BSN)  
 Online RN to BSN

**SOCIAL WORK**

Social Work (BSW)

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