FS-Forensic Science

FS 550. Instrumental Analysis. 3 Hours.
This course concerns the theory and practice of instrumental methods for the separation, identification and quantitative analysis of chemical substances. Satisfactory completion of this course will afford students a working knowledge of analytical instrumentation typically employed in chemical/biochemical research and industry laboratories. It will also provide the student with an appreciation of the relative strengths and limitations of different instrumental based analysis methods.

FS 565. Cold Case Analysis. 3 Hours.
Introduction to the methods used in analyzing unsolved cases, including innovative uses of technology, 3rd party investigators, and teams.

FS 567. Forensic Toxicology. 3 Hours.
Discussion of drugs and poisons found in biological evidence, including the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic properties of drugs and poisons, evidence collection and handling, selection of the most appropriate evidence, and analytical methods of detection.

FS 572. Molecular Genetics for Forensic Scientists. 3 Hours.
Gene structure, function, and regulation. Chromosome structure and inheritance. An overview of the human genome.

FS 650. Advanced Questioned-Death Investigation. 3 Hours.
Examination of forensic pathology as used in local medical examiners' offices.

FS 653. Advanced Investigation of Fires and Explosions. 3 Hours.
Introduction to arson investigation including overview of specific techniques used in case investigation.

FS 670. Elements of Forensic Science. 3 Hours.
Introduction to philosophical considerations and historic landmarks in the discipline; overview of major sub-disciplines in forensic science; examination of the ethics and expert witnesses and their role in forensic science.

FS 671. Conventional Criminalistics. 3 Hours.
Exploration of basic methodologies and approaches for identifying, collecting, and analyzing trace and pattern evidence, including an overview of microscopy.

FS 672. Advanced Conventional Criminalistics. 3 Hours.
Examination of advanced methods for the analysis of trace and pattern evidence.
Prerequisites: FS 671 [Min Grade: C]

FS 673. Forensic Drug Analysis. 3 Hours.
Exploration of the isolation, identification, and quantification of commonly abused drugs and common poisons; interpretation of findings and correlation with legal applications.

FS 674. Molecular Biology in Forensic Science. 3 Hours.
DNA replication, transcription, and translation. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) techniques used to amplify human DNA for identification of biological evidence. Methods for identifying and collecting blood and semen stains. DNA extraction. Short tandem repeat typing using capillary electrophoresis.
Prerequisites: FS 572 [Min Grade: C]

FS 676. Advanced Biological Methods in Forensic Science. 3 Hours.
Discussion of current issues and trends in forensic DNA analysis, including advanced analysis of biological evidence samples.
Prerequisites: FS 674 [Min Grade: C]