

Forensic Science (Minor)

The Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Sciences offers an undergraduate minor in Forensic Science, an interdisciplinary field of study that involves the application of scientific principles and methodology from numerous scientific disciplines to criminal investigations. The Forensic Science minor is available to undergraduates majoring in any field, but might be most appropriate for students majoring or planning to pursue advanced studies in the sciences or in science education. Students in the minor in Forensic Science take one required introduction to forensic science (3 credit hours), three required foundational courses (9 credit hours), and then they have the opportunity to further explore a variety of scientific disciplines as they relate to the legal system (minimum 6 credit hours). At least 9 credit hours of the minor must be completed at NC State.

Admissions and Certification of Minor

The minor in Forensic Science is administered within the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Sciences. Students who plan to minor in Forensic Science can do so online through CODA (in MyPack). All requirements for the minor must be completed no later than the semester in which the student expects to graduate from his or her major degree program. Students apply to graduate in the minor through MyPack at the same time that they apply to graduate in their major program.

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Plan Requirements

The Forensic Science minor consists of a minimum of 18 credit hours.

- A grade of C- or better is required for all Minor courses with a 2.0 GPA required in the minor for graduation.
- No course used in the minor can be taken for credit only (S/U).
- Courses taken for the minor can also be used toward major requirements, GEP Electives, or Free Electives.
- At least 9 credit hours of the minor must be completed at NC State.

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
Required Course			
PCC 274	Introduction to Forensic Science	3	

Foundational Requirements

Select one of the following:			3
ANT 371	Human Variation		

BIO 240	Principles of Human Anatomy & Physiology (A): Nervous, Skeletal, Muscular, & Digestive Systems		
BIO 405	Functional Histology		
BIO 414	Cell Biology		
ET 310	Environmental Monitoring and Analysis		
GN 301	Genetics in Human Affairs		
GN 311	Principles of Genetics		
MB 351	General Microbiology		
SSC 442	Soil and Environmental Biogeochemistry		
TMS 211	Introduction to Fiber Science		
TOX 401	Principles of Toxicology		
Select one of the following:			3
ST 101	Statistics by Example		
ST 305			
ST 311	Introduction to Statistics		
ST 370	Probability and Statistics for Engineers		
ST 371	Introduction to Probability and Distribution Theory		
Select one of the following:			3
PHI 221	Contemporary Moral Issues		
PHI/STS 325	Bio-Medical Ethics		
PHI 375	Ethics		
Elective Courses			6
ANT 370	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology		
ANT 421/521	Human Osteology		
ANT 422			
ANT 529	Advanced Methods in Forensic Anthropology		

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CH 441	Forensic Chemistry
ENT 305	Introduction to Forensic Entomology
GN 453	Personal Genomics
MSE 480	Materials Forensics and Degradation
PCC 474	Forensic Chemistry Laboratory
Total Hours	18