

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (BSCJ)

Specialization in **Forensic Science**



OVERVIEW

AIU® offers a professionally-focused BSCJ program with a specialization in Forensic Science that can provide students with a unique blend of education in science, law enforcement practice and crime scene investigation for a comprehensive study in the field of forensic science.

CURRICULUM INCLUDES

In this specialized curriculum, students can learn about jurisdiction established by the law to define the cause and manner of death, conduct a death scene investigation and techniques in establishing identity and post-mortem interval. They can also learn specific skills such as notification of next of kin, interviewing witnesses and interpreting crime scene photography.

Courses are structured to assist students in the development of their goals as they can learn focused knowledge and skills in a field that combines scientific and criminal justice techniques. For example:

Aspects of Forensic Psychology: students can explore many aspects of the practice of forensic psychology including assessment, treatment and consultation within the legal system that encompasses both criminal and civil law.

Psychopathology and Criminality: students can study abnormal human behavior, including disorders relating to eating, sleeping, attention deficit, mood, learning, impulse control, sexuality, criminality and interpersonal conflict.

Forensic Biology: students can be exposed to the areas of cellular biology, forensic serology, genetics and human physiology, as well as their applications within forensic science.

WE CAN HELP YOU

- Process a crime scene, including the collection, preservation and analysis of evidence, development and lifting of fingerprints, blood spatter interpretation, and the writing of narrative and scene descriptions.
- Define forensic science, postmortem interval, body changes, relevant medical history, traumatic injury, postmortem lab tests and features of death scene investigations.
- Define the roles and responsibilities of a forensic psychologist and their relationship with law enforcement officials.
- Use the techniques of criminal investigation involving criminal profiling, psychological autopsies, hypnosis and lie detection.
- Define and understand computer crimes and investigation, including use of incident response tools, wireless-network analysis and tool testing, and analytical methodologies.
- Apply forensic computer knowledge pertaining to data modeling, data definition language, data manipulation language, operating systems and networking knowledge to solve crimes.

COURSEWORK

OUTCOMES

WHY AIU?

AIU offers a streamlined, real-world curriculum and flexibility designed to help you schedule school around your life, not the other way around. Along with industry-relevant undergraduate and graduate degrees, our industry-focused specializations allow in-depth study of the field.

To accommodate busy lives, we offer full- and part-time program options and transfer-in credit* for eligible college, work and military experience, which could cut down on the time it takes to earn a degree.



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* Not all credits are eligible to transfer. See the University Catalog for transfer credit policies.

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The AIU Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (BSCJ) degree program combines the required general education courses that can provide a liberal-arts foundation with specialized courses designed so students can earn a professional education in the criminal justice field, with particular emphases in the study of policing, courts, criminology, corrections, juvenile justice, homeland security and the field of forensic science.

FOCUS ON YOUR SPECIFIC AREA OF INTEREST

By studying key topics in forensic science to complete the upper division's core specialization requirements, AIU can give

you an opportunity to focus your interests on the acquisition of industry-specific knowledge and skills.

A SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM TAUGHT BY EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS

In addition to a quality curriculum based on industry-relevant standards, AIU's BSCJ with a specialization in Forensic Science is taught by faculty members, many with experience in the fields they teach. Students can have an opportunity to learn from interactive criminal justice modules that are linked to current events and policies.

REQUIRED COURSES

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

ENGL106	English Composition I	4.5
ENGL107	English Composition II	4.5
MATH125	General College Mathematics	4.5
UNIV103	Academic and Professional Success	4.5
UNIV106	Technology and Information Literacy	4.5
UNIV109	Interpersonal Communication	4.5
	Humanities (2 courses)	9
	Natural Sciences (2 courses)	9
	Social and Behavioral Sciences (2 courses)	9
	General Education Elective (1 course)	4.5

Total General Education Requirements 58.5

GENERAL ELECTIVES

A combination of any 10 undergraduate courses

Total General Elective Requirements 45

CORE COURSES

CRJS101	Foundations of Criminal Justice Systems	4.5
CRJS105	Theories of Crime Causation	4.5
CRJS205	Introduction to Criminal Law	4.5
CRJS210	Introduction to Law Enforcement	4.5

CORE COURSES (CONTINUED)

CRJS215	Introduction to American Court System	4.5
CRJS220	Foundations of Corrections	4.5
CRJS310	Crime Victim Studies	4.5
CRJS315	Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Theory	4.5
CRJS330	Constitutional Issues in Criminal Procedures	4.5
CRJS355	Evidence	4.5
CRJS405	Research Methods & Statistics for Criminal Justice	4.5
CRJS499	Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice	4.5

Total Core Requirements 54

FORENSIC SCIENCE SPECIALIZATION COURSES

CRJS365	Criminalistics	4.5
CRJS406	Criminalistics II	4.5
CRJS455	Criminal Investigation	4.5
CRJS471	Medicolegal Death Investigation	4.5
CRJS478	Forensic Biology	4.5

Total Specialization Requirements 22.5

Total Bachelor's Degree Requirements 180

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