



New Graduate Programs

School of Criminal Justice, in collaboration with the Midwest Criminal Justice Institute

Proposed Graduate Programs

- Graduate Certificate in Criminal Intelligence
- Master's Degree in Forensic Biology
- Master's Degree in Forensic Firearms

Graduate Certificate in Criminal Intelligence (hybrid)

The certificate program prepares students to pursue or enhance careers in criminal intelligence by providing them with the knowledge and skills to work in law enforcement

Graduate Certificate in Criminal Intelligence

- Five required courses totaling 15 credit hours
 - CJ620 Technology in Criminal Justice
 - CJ625 Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence
 - CJ630 Open-

Master's Degree in Forensic Biology

The students in this program will have applied learning activities with forensic laboratories, including the new ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives) lab built on the WSU innovation campus.

The only national training site for the ATF located on a public university campus.

Master's Degree in Forensic Biology

Total Credit Hours 34

Modality: In-Person and Online

Admission BS in forensic science or natural science; GPA 3.0 or higher in UG work; applicants are expected to have 9 credits of coursework in biochemistry, genetics, and molecular biology.

Additional foundational courses may be required if applicants lack these courses.

Master's Degree in Forensic Biology

Some of the Courses Include...

Population Genetics

Forensic Serology/DNA

Criminal Law for Forensic Scientists

Capstone Research

Master's Degree in Forensic Biology

Proposed Personnel

Director: PhD in Forensic Biology

Assistant Instructor: PhD or MS in Forensic Biology

4 Adjunct Instructors: PhD or MS in Forensic Biology

Master's Degree in Forensic Firearms

The program offers applied learning opportunities with the ATF and the Center for Excellence on the WSU innovation campus.

The program supports three groups of students:

1. Those who want a 30-hour master's degree in forensic firearms.
2. Firearm Examiner trainees and who have completed the National Firearm Examiner Academy (NFEA) training and apprenticeship.
3. Students who are current Firearm Examiner trainees and waiting to get into the NFEA as trainees.

Master's Degree in Forensic Firearms

Total Credit Hours 30

Modality: In-Person, Hybrid, and Online

Admission BS in forensic science or natural science; GPA 3.0 or higher in UG work; the applicant's UG work will be evaluated to determine whether sufficient scientific background exists.

Master's Degree in Forensic Firearms

Some of the Courses Include...

Modern Firearm: Manufacture and Operating Systems

Advanced Analysis of Firearms and Toolmarks
Examination

Forensic Validation and Laboratory Techniques

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Proposed Personnel

Tenure-Track Professor/Coordinator: PhD/Masters in Criminal Justice/Firearms examiner

Adjuncts: PhD or MS in Forensic Biology

Admin: Shared position with the Master's in Forensic Biology