FRSC 4930 Individual Study in Forensic Science Application

Deadline to apply: The completed application package must be submitted by November 15 in order to enroll in the Spring semester and April 15 in order to enroll in the Summer or Fall semesters.

Check list for the application package:
• Complete this application form
• Obtain undergraduate degree check and attach (see UCO Academic Advisement)
• Obtain UCO and other transcripts and attach to this form (unofficial transcripts permitted)

Requirements for application: In order to apply for an Individual Study in Forensic Science, students must possess a Junior or Senior status, and have permission from the instructor. Students must also read and understand the information below regarding the specific requirements of the program.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Date: _____________________

Name: ________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address:  ______________________________________________________________
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Phone: ______________________   Alt. Phone: ______________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________

UCO Student ID Number: ________________________

GPA of courses at UCO: _________   Total Cumulative GPA: _________

Expected Graduation Date: _______________   Number of hours completed: ________

Number of hours currently enrolled: _____ Number of hours in which you expect to enroll for next year: FALL _______ SPRING _______ SUMMER ________
Please select at least two professors you would like to work with:

1. _______________________________  2. ______________________________

In what area of Forensic Science would you like to focus your study (be as specific as possible)?

Have you talked to either of the above-listed professors about your study?  If so, list the professor’s name and date discussed:

__________________________________________________________________________

Please read the following requirements for this program.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDY IN FORENSIC SCIENCE

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Credit will vary from 2–4 hours. Subject matter will vary according to the assigned Professor.

**PREREQUISITES:** Junior or Senior standing and permission of the instructor.

**OBJECTIVES:** The major focus of this course is to provide research and field experiences related to the Forensic Science program. Specific objectives are:

1. To assist the student in conducting research or field studies in forensic science.
2. To provide the student with opportunities to conduct literature searches.
3. To require detailed notes on laboratory experiences and/or field operations.
4. To develop a work ethic stressing punctuality, reliability, honesty, and cooperation.
5. To provide exposure to rules and regulations (protocols) associated with a forensic science laboratory or investigative agency.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
The Individual Study in Forensic Science will involve a field or research experience requiring a substantial time commitment in a study selected by the instructor of record in conjunction with the student. The student desiring to enroll in the Independent Study must work with the instructor well in advance to prepare for the study.

EVALUATION:
The evaluation will contain the following components:
- Daily log or lab notebook describing activities in which the student participated.
- Summary paper submitted at the conclusion of the Independent Study.
- Oral presentation describing the Study.
- Comprehensive Examination.

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COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION
Performance of a standardized assessment tool or metric will be measured by either an internal or external comprehensive examination. The **Internal Comprehensive Evaluation**: Forensic Science Institute Comprehensive Examination is made up of two parts:
1. Objective questions taken primarily from the Forensic Science core curriculum (Introduction to Forensic Science; Crime Scene Processing; Forensic Science Analysis; Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure; and Ethics and Testimony). There are approximately 150-200 true/false and multiple choice questions in this section.
2. Essay questions: The student will be provided approximately 10 essay questions taken from a variety of forensic science topics. The student will be allowed to select three questions to answer in the allotted time.

The External Comprehensive Evaluation: American Board of Criminalistic’s (ABC) Forensic Science Aptitude Test* is required if the internal evaluation is not selected.

*Students will receive their scores directly from the ABC. The student must sign a waiver releasing their scores to the Forensic Science Institute and return the waiver to the ABC. The Institute will receive a summation of the students’ scores and the institution’s rank compared to other institutions participating in the year’s examination. Scores will be available in June and January of each year.

ATTENDANCE POLICY
The student is expected to rigorously adhere to the reporting schedule developed in conjunction with the Professor of the Individual Study. Violation of this attendance commitment, except for verifiable emergencies, will result in a grade penalty.
ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

Honesty in performing analyses, acquisition of data or evidence, and interpreting and reporting results is extremely important to the forensic science community. Plagiarism or the falsifying of data or results and presenting them as accurate are blatant acts of academic dishonesty. Students found guilty of plagiarism or falsifying data or results will be penalized in accordance with the University policy, which may include dismissal from the class with an F grade and/or dismissal from the University.

Have you read the Forensic Science Individual Study requirements and do you understand them? __________________ (initials)

Submit the completed package to the Forensic Science Institute.