

Associate of Science in Forensic Investigation

63 credits

Program Description

The Associate Degree in Forensic Investigation introduces forensic investigation from a theoretical and practical perspective. Students will be prepared to apply techniques, methods, procedures, basic knowledge to perform necessary skills as a forensic investigator.

Program Objectives

1. Know the doctrines and principles of law that intervene in the field of criminal and forensic investigation.
2. Describe and distinguish the nature and functions of forensic investigation from a scientific and legal perspective.
3. Develop a deep sense of human solidarity and social responsibility in accordance with knowledge of the ethical and moral standards that must guide thought and action as a forensic investigator.
4. Expose critically the basic theories of criminal and forensic investigation.
5. Recognize and describe the application of the scientific method in forensic investigation.
6. Develop skills to increase the ability to observe behavior and record systematic notes in objective and critical terms.
7. Develop assigned interpersonal skills, ability to analyze problems, and establish an action plan.
8. Demonstrate mastery of criminal investigation techniques.
9. Demonstrate ability to sustain a coherent analysis in matters related to their area of work.
10. Develop skills to conduct interviews efficiently.
11. Integrate contemporary knowledge of forensic science to clarify crimes.
12. Allow students to test skills acquired within controlled environments by applying theories and techniques of forensic science.
13. Establish a balance between the theoretical and practical aspects that make up the study of forensic science and public safety in its aspects of investigation and intervention with citizens.
14. Contribute to the development of forensic investigation technicians.

Program sequence will be available at the time of enrollment.

The language of instruction and program delivery modality are subject to availability.

Notes:

1. This program may be offered in English, Bilingual mode (English-Spanish), or Spanish according to demand. COMPLETING A COURSE OR PROGRAM IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH MAY REDUCE EMPLOYABILITY WHERE ENGLISH IS REQUIRED.
2. Students must abide with the minimum required hours and policies set by the state and local education agencies for practicum experiences.
3. Students must comply with state and local education certification requirements for the degree program, as applicable.

Program Curriculum

QYLE 110 or FYIS 101	Attitude Development and University Adaptation or Induction Seminar to University Life	3
General Education Courses		
Course	Title	Credits
Pick 1 GE* OR	Pick one (1) of the Approved General Education Electives OR	
SPAN 101	Introduction to Spanish Language – Basic Level	3
SPAN 103	Introduction to Spanish Language –Intermediate Level	
SPAN 105	Introduction to Spanish Language – Advanced Level	
ENGL 150 OR	English Composition I OR	
ENGL 101	Introduction to English Language – Basic Level	3
ENGL 103	Introduction to English Language –Intermediate Level	
ENGL 105	Introduction to English Language – Advanced Level	
MATH 112ON	College Algebra	3
SOSC 101	Introduction to Social Sciences I	3
COIS 101	Introduction to Computers	3
Total		15
Core / Professional Courses		
Course	Title	Credits
CRIM 100	Criminal Law	3
CRIM 102	Criminal Procedures	3
CRIM 104	Evidence	3
IFOR 205	Basic Criminal Investigation	3
IFOR 210	Forensic Photography and Crime Scene Planimetry	3
IFOR 215	Fundamental Principles of Collection and Processing of Evidence at the Scene of the Crime	3
Total		18
Major Courses		
Course	Title	Credits
IFOR 220	Forensic Investigation of Traffic Accidents	3
IFOR 225	Interview Techniques and Testimony in Court	3
IFOR 230	Introduction to Forensic Dactyloscopy	3
IFOR 235	Investigation of Cyber Crimes	3
IFOR 240	Scientific Study of the Crime Scene	3
IFOR 245	Introduction of Fraud Investigation	3
IFOR 250	Introduction to Fire Investigation	3
IFOR 255	Surveillance and Tracking: Technical and Ethical Aspects	3
IFOR 275	Integration Seminar in Forensic Investigation	3
Total		27
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Approved General Education Electives*		
Course	Title	Credits
SPAN 110	Elementary Spanish	3
REIL 101	Research and Information Literacy	3
BIOL 150	General Biology I	3
BIOL 151	General Biology II	3
COMM 205	Communication Theory	3
COMM 210	Legal and Ethical Aspects of Communications	3
HIDE 100	History of Arts	3
HIDE 110	Representing Culture: Art & Artifact 1500-1850	3
HIST 273	History of the United States of America	3