MS in Forensic Science

Note: New students are not being admitted to this program until further notice. Contact the program directly for more information.

Admissions Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** BS in physical, biological, or pharmaceutical sciences (chemistry or biochemistry recommended). Minimum of one semester analytical chemistry and one semester physical chemistry. Instrumental analysis, biochemistry, and additional physical chemistry desirable.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 overall. Applications are strengthened by 3.25/4.00 overall GPA and 3.00/4.00 GPA in core science and mathematics courses.
- **Tests Required** GRE General Test; applications are strengthened by scores corresponding to 65th percentile or higher in verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
- - **TOEFL iBT** 100, with subscores of Reading 20, Listening 20, Speaking 21, and Writing 21, **OR**
  - **IELTS Academic** 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subcategories, **OR,**
  - **PTE-Academic** 59, with subscores of Reading 59, Listening 49, Speaking 59 and Writing 59.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required.
- **Personal Statement** Required.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 38.
- **Coursework**

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
BPS 580	Forensic Science: Survey and Foundations	
BPS 581	Forensic Analysis of Biological Evidence	
BPS 582	Forensic Chemistry and Trace Evidence Analysis	
BPS 583	Physical Pattern Evidence Analysis	
BPS 584	Forensic Drug Analysis and Toxicology	
BPS 588	Expert Witness Testimony and Courtroom Demeanor	
BPS 587	Forensic Science Seminar (minimum of two hours)	
Electives		
Select 9–12 hours in the student's area of interest. [a]		

a *May include 2–4 hours of internship (BPS 592), or up to 12 hours of residency (BPS 590) for those interested and who are accepted by the host agencies.*

- **Thesis, Project, or Coursework-Only Options** Thesis required. No other options are available.
  - *Thesis:* Thesis students must earn at least 6 hours in BPS 598.