

Certificate in Crime Scene Investigation

The crime scene investigation certificate enhances professional readiness for roles in law enforcement agencies, forensic units, and investigative services, and complements a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, forensic science or related disciplines. It is designed to assist students wishing to become civilian investigators or sworn law enforcement officers in investigating, documenting and collecting evidence from the scene of crimes. This certificate provides a foundation in crime scene management.

Emphasis is placed on the accurate preservation and presentation of physical evidence, with training that prepares students to effectively communicate their findings to other criminal investigators and in judicial proceedings.

Program Requirements

The certificate program has four required courses: ANTH 101, ANTH 557, CJ 191 and CJ 341 (or FS 298). The student may then choose from the following elective courses for total of 21 credit hours. A grade of C or better is required for each course and an overall program grade point average of 3.000 is required for the certificate.

Course	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ANTH 101	Biological Anthropology ¹	3
ANTH 557	Human Osteology	3
CJ 191	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 341	Criminalistics and Scientific Crime Detection	3
or FS 298	An Introduction to Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation	
Elective Courses		
Select 9 credit hours from the following		9
ANTH 600	Forensic Anthropology	
CJ 420	Criminal Evidence: Mock Trials	
CJ 581I/FS 581J	Forensic Photography	
CJ 581K	Crime Scene Reconstruction	
CJ/FS 581P	Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis	
Total Credit Hours		21

¹ For degree-bound students, it is recommended that they take ANTH 106 with ANTH 101 in order to fulfill the Bucket 4 general education requirement.