

# Minor in Forensic Applications of Science and Technology

## About This Program

The Minor in Forensic Applications of Science and Technology (FAST) provides a multidisciplinary approach designed for criminology and criminal justice majors pursuing professional careers in non-laboratory-based areas of forensic science, such as crime scene investigation and where a working knowledge of the basic concepts of forensic science and technology would prove beneficial. Science majors pursuing laboratory-based careers in forensic science may also find this minor advantageous. Students must complete 18 credit hours from the courses listed below, with at least six hours at the 4000 level.

## Competencies

1. Upon graduation, students having completed this minor will be better prepared to begin training programs with law enforcement and private based crime scene investigative units.
2. Students completing this minor while also having completed a science degree (biology, chemistry, etc) will be better prepared to begin training programs within Forensic Specialty Laboratories.

## Admissions Criteria

FAST minor students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better in their minor courses. Courses required for the minor cannot be utilized for double credit in the student's major. An academic minor may only be awarded upon current completion of a baccalaureate degree at the University of Texas at Arlington.

## Curriculum

### Foundations

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| CRCJ 3370 | INTRODUCTION TO FORENSICS | 3 |
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### Specialization

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| Select 15 hours from the following: |  | 15 |
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| CRCJ 3371 | CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION                   |
| CRCJ 3320 | CYBERCRIME                                  |
| CRCJ 4357 | FORENSIC FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION            |
| CRCJ 4340 | FORENSIC DEATH INVESTIGATION                |
| CRCJ 4341 | FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF IMPRESSION EVIDENCE |
| CRCJ 4342 | FORENSIC HAIR AND FIBER IDENTIFICATION      |
| CRCJ 4343 | FORENSIC EXPERT TESTIMONY                   |
| CRCJ 4390 | INTERNSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE              |

Criminology & Criminal Justice, Biology, Chemistry, Nursing, Psychology, or Computer Science majors may seek advisor approval to take the following courses towards the minor:

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| ANTH 3308 | FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY                |
| BIOL 3352 | INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC LAB SCIENCE |
| BIOL 4352 | FORENSIC BIOLOGY                     |
| BIOL 4406 | HUMAN OSTEOLOGY                      |
| PSYC 3303 | DRUGS AND BEHAVIOR                   |

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| <b>Total Hours</b> |  | <b>18</b> |
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## Advising Resources

First time college students for the CRCJ Major will be advised by University Advising and Engagement Center (UAEC) Freshman Advising. UAEC CRCJ majors will transition to CRJC advising after meeting transition requirements. Transfer students should contact program advising when admitted. Students should contact advisors with for hold removal and degree plan updates each semester.

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