

APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

University of Central Oklahoma

Forensic Science Institute

Independent Study is faculty-supervised research that offer students the opportunity to investigate a research topic under the close supervision of a Forensic Science Institute (FSI) faculty member. The student will be responsible for meeting the FSI requirements of the Independent Study as outlined by the FSI faculty supervisor. The FSI faculty supervisor will assume responsibility for coordinating the Independent Study, evaluating its results, and determining an appropriate grade. If the Independent Study is to satisfy the student's Capstone experience in the FSI, the student is also required to take the Comprehensive Exam as part of the overall course grade. Independent Study course titles will be determined by the FSI faculty supervisor and designated on the student's transcript.

Name: _____ UCO Student ID# _____
Last First M.I.

UCO Student Email: _____@uco.edu Cell Phone# _____

Major 1: _____

Major 2: _____

Minor 1: _____ Anticipated Semester/Year of Graduation _____

Minor 2: _____

Indicate Purpose of Independent Study: ELECTIVE CAPSTONE

INDEPENDENT STUDY INFORMATION:

Title of Study: _____ (Required – will appear on academic transcript)

Semester/Year to be taken: _____

Signature of Student Date

Signature of UCO Faculty Supervisor Date

Please Print UCO Faculty Supervisor's Name

Signature of Student's Forensic Advisor Date

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

If you plan to complete and Independent Study to satisfy the requirements for your forensic science Capstone, you need to read the [Forensic Science Capstone FAQ sheet](#).

Did you read and understand the Forensic Science Capstone FAQ sheet? _____ (initials)

Please read the following requirements for this program.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY IN FORENSIC SCIENCE

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Credit will be 3 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 Independent 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:

- a. Daily log or lab notebook describing activities in which the student participated. See your faculty advisor for requirements.
- b. Summary paper submitted at the conclusion of the Independent Study. See your faculty advisor for requirements.
- c. Oral presentation describing the Study. See your faculty advisor for requirements.
- d. Forensic Science Institute Comprehensive Examination. The Internal Comprehensive Exam for Forensic Science is a combination of multiple-choice and true/false questions (approximately 200). Most questions come from the required courses including Introduction to Forensic Science, Crime Scene Processing, and Forensic Science Analysis. You can expect some questions from other courses as well. You will have two hours to complete the exam. This test is required for all students seeking the B.S. Forensic Science degree. This exam will be given at the end of the semester.

<u>Component</u>	<u>% Grade</u>
Daily Log or Lab Notebook	20%
Summary Paper	40%
Oral Presentation	20%
Forensic Science Institute Comprehensive Examination	20%

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The student is expected to rigorously adhere to the reporting schedule developed in conjunction with the Professor of the Independent 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.

Submit the completed paperwork to the Forensic Academic Advisor.