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Forensic Science Institute

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Individual Study Application

(version 1.3)

FRSC 4930 Individual Study in Forensic Science

Deadline to apply: The completed application package must be submitted by November 15 for the Spring semester and April 15 for the Summer or Fall semesters.

Check list for the application package:

- Complete this application form
- Obtain undergraduate degree check and attach (see UCO Academic Advisement)
- Obtain UCO and other transcripts and attach to this form (unofficial transcripts permitted)

Requirements for application: In order to apply for an Individual Study in Forensic Science, students must be a Junior or Senior, and have permission from the instructor. Students must also read and understand the information below regarding the specific requirements of the program.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

UCO Student ID Number: _____

GPA of courses at UCO: _____ Total Cumulative GPA: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Total number of hours completed: _____

What semester do you wish to do the study: _____

Please select at least two professors you would like to work with:

1. _____ 2. _____

In what area of Forensic Science would you like to focus your study (be as specific as possible)?

Have you talked to either of the above-listed professors about your study? If so, list the professor's name and date discussed:

Please read the following requirements for this program.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDY IN FORENSIC SCIENCE

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Credit will vary from 2-4 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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 Individual 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.

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

Submit the completed package to the Forensic Science Institute.