

# School of Criminal Justice, Forensic Science and Security

## Degree Plan Worksheet

**Major:** Forensics (Biological Sciences) BS [FORBSBS]

**Bulletin Year:** 2024-2025

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### General Education Curriculum

Completion of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from any MS Community College satisfies GEC 01-06

#### GEC 01. Written Communication (6 hrs.)

**Required Courses\***

- \_\_\_ ENG 101 - Composition I [3]†
- \_\_\_ ENG 102 - Composition II [3]

**Notes:**

\*See Writing Placement for list of eligible English courses based on ACT English score

†Course credit hours in brackets

#### GEC 03. Humanities (9 hrs.)

**Required Course**

- \_\_\_ ENG 203 - World Lit [3]

**Choose (2) Courses, (1) History Required**

- \_\_\_ HIS 101 - World Civ I [3]
- \_\_\_ HIS 102 - World Civ II [3]
- \_\_\_ HUM 201 - Pre-Modern World [3]
- \_\_\_ HUM 202 - Modern World [3]
- \_\_\_ PHI 151 - Intro to Philosophy [3]
- \_\_\_ PHI 171 - Ethics and Living [3]
- \_\_\_ REL 131 - Comparative Rel [3]

#### GEC 06. Mathematics (3 hrs.)

**Choose (1) Course\***

- \_\_\_ MAT 100 - Quant. Reasoning [3]
- \_\_\_ MAT 101 - College Algebra [3]
- \_\_\_ Any higher-level MAT \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ACT Math  $\geq 24$  [0]

**Notes:**

\*See Math Placement for list of eligible math courses based on ACT Math score

#### GEC 02. Natural Sciences (8 hrs.)

**Choose (2) Lecture/Lab Pairs**

- \_\_\_ AST 111/L - General Astronomy I [4]
- \_\_\_ AST 112/L - General Astronomy II [4]
- \_\_\_ BSC 103/L - Biology & Society [4]
- \_\_\_ BSC 107/L - Ess Human Anat & Physio [4]
- \_\_\_ BSC 110/L - Prin of Biological Science I [4]
- \_\_\_ BSC 111/L - Prin of Biological Science II [4]
- \_\_\_ BSC 250/L<sup>1</sup> - Human Anat & Physio I [4]
- \_\_\_ BSC 251/L<sup>1</sup> - Human Anat & Physio II [4]
- \_\_\_ CHE 104/L - Chem & Environment [4]
- \_\_\_ CHE 106/L<sup>2</sup> - General Chemistry I [4]
- \_\_\_ GHY 104/L - Weather & Climate [4]
- \_\_\_ GHY 105/L - Land and Water [4]
- \_\_\_ GLY 101/L - Physical Geology [4]
- \_\_\_ GLY 103/L<sup>3</sup> - Historical Geology [4]
- \_\_\_ MAR 151/L - Intro to Ocean Science [4]
- \_\_\_ PHY 103/L<sup>4</sup> - Intro to Physics [4]
- \_\_\_ PHY 111/L<sup>5</sup> - General Physics I [4]
- \_\_\_ PHY 112/L<sup>6</sup> - General Physics II [4]
- \_\_\_ PHY 201/L<sup>7</sup> - Gen Physics I w/ Calculus [5]
- \_\_\_ PHY 202/L<sup>8</sup> - Gen Physics II w/ Calculus [5]
- \_\_\_ PSE 190/L - Living in a Material World [4]

**Prerequisites:**

<sup>1</sup> ACT Comp  $\geq 20$  or Completion of a BSC lecture/lab course or Classification  $\geq$  Sophomore

<sup>2</sup> ACT Comp  $\geq 20$  or MAT 101  $\geq C$

<sup>3</sup> GLY 101/L

<sup>4</sup> MAT 101

<sup>5</sup> MAT 103 or MAT 114 or MAT 167

<sup>6</sup> PHY 111/L

<sup>7</sup> MAT 167

<sup>8</sup> PHY 201/L

#### GEC 07. Writing Intensive (3 hrs.)

**Required Course**

- \_\_\_ FSC 445/L\* - Crime Scene Doc [4]

**Prerequisites:**

\*ENG 101, ENG 102, FSC 140/L and Classification  $\geq$  Junior

#### GEC 04. Aesthetic Values (3 hrs.)

**Choose (1) Course**

- \_\_\_ ART 130 - Art Appreciation [3]
- \_\_\_ DAN 130 - Dance Appreciation [3]
- \_\_\_ MUS 165 - Enjoyment of Music [3]
- \_\_\_ THE 100 - Theater Appreciation [3]

#### GEC 05. Social & Behav Sciences (6 hrs.)

**Choose (2) Courses**

- \_\_\_ ANT 101 - Human Experience [3]
- \_\_\_ ANT 221 - Int Cult & Ling Ant [3]
- \_\_\_ ECO 101 - Basic Economics [3]
- \_\_\_ GHY 101 - World Geography [3]
- \_\_\_ HHS 100 - Wellness [3]
- \_\_\_ PS 101 - American Government [3]
- \_\_\_ PSY 110 - General Psychology [3]
- \_\_\_ SOC 101 - Understand Society [3]

#### GEC 08. Speaking Intensive (3 hrs.)

**Choose (1) Course**

- \_\_\_ CMS 111 - Public Speaking [3]
- \_\_\_ CMS 305 - Interpersonal Comm [3]
- \_\_\_ CMS 320 - Professional Comm [3]
- \_\_\_ CMS 330 - Small-Group Comm [3]

#### GEC 09. Capstone (3 hrs.)

**Required Course**

- \_\_\_ FSC 435\*† - Forensic Lab Pol & Pro [3]

**Prerequisites:**

\*Classification = Senior

†Minimum grade of C required

#### GPA and Hour Requirements

\_\_\_ Official Southern Miss GPA  $\geq 2.00$

\_\_\_ Major GPA  $\geq 2.00$

\_\_\_ Undergraduate Minimum Hours: **124 hrs. required**

\_\_\_ Senior Institution Hour Requirement: **31 hrs. required**

\_\_\_ Undergraduate 30-Hour Requirement (Upper-Division): **31 hrs. required**

\_\_\_ Undergraduate Residency Requirement: **31 hrs. required**

\_\_\_ Undergraduate Residency Requirement (Upper-Division): **12 hrs. required**

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### Program Curriculum

#### DEG 01. Major Area of Study (51 hrs.)

##### Required Courses (29 hrs.)

- \_\_\_ CJ 200 - Intro to Criminal Justice [3]
- \_\_\_ CJ 433<sup>1</sup> - Evidence, Search & Seizure [3]
- \_\_\_ FSC 140/L - Science of Forensic Science [4]
- \_\_\_ FSC 141 - Intro to Forensic Science II [3]
- \_\_\_ FSC 301 - Forensic Biology I [3]
- \_\_\_ FSC 321<sup>2</sup> - Forensic Biology II [3]
- \_\_\_ FSC 400<sup>3</sup> - Internship in Forensic Science [3]
- \_\_\_ FSC 435<sup>4</sup> - Forensic Lab Pol & Pro [3]
- \_\_\_ FSC 445/L<sup>3</sup> - Crime Scene Doc [4]

##### Forensic Science Electives (22 hrs.)\*

- \_\_\_ FSC Elective \_\_\_\_\_
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##### Prerequisites/Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> CJ 330 (waived for FSC majors)
- <sup>2</sup> FSC 141
- <sup>3</sup> FSC 140/L **and** Classification ≥ Junior
- <sup>4</sup> Classification = Senior
- <sup>5</sup> ENG 101, ENG 102, FSC 140/L **and** Classification ≥ Junior
- \*Select from Forensics Electives Catalog

#### DEG 02a. Emphasis Area (21 hrs.)

##### Required Courses

- \_\_\_ BSC 110/L - Prin of Biological Science I [4]
- \_\_\_ BSC 111/L - Prin of Biological Science II [4]
- \_\_\_ BSC 250/L<sup>1</sup> - Human Anat & Physio I [4]
- \_\_\_ BSC 370<sup>2</sup> - Genetics [3]
- \_\_\_ BSC 476<sup>3</sup> - Molecular Biology [3]

##### Choose (1) Course or Lecture/Lab Pair

- \_\_\_ DPH 440<sup>4</sup> - Intro to Biostatistics [3]
- \_\_\_ BSC 251/L<sup>1</sup> - Human Anat & Physio II [4]
- \_\_\_ BSC 481<sup>5</sup> - Pathogenic Microbiology [3]
- \_\_\_ BSC 486/L<sup>6</sup> - Immunology & Serology [4]

##### Prerequisites:

- <sup>1</sup> ACT Comp ≥ 20 **or** Completion of a BSC lecture/lab course **or** Classification ≥ Sophomore
- <sup>2</sup> BSC 110/L, BSC 111/L, CHE 106/L
- <sup>3</sup> BSC 370 **or** BSC 477/L
- <sup>4</sup> MAT 101 or higher **and** USM GPA ≥ 2.5
- <sup>5</sup> (BSC 370 **and** BSC 282/L) **and** (BSC 476 **or** BSC 477/L **or** Instructor permission)
- <sup>6</sup> BSC 110/L, BSC 111/L, CHE 106/L, CHE 107/L

#### General Electives

##### Consult with your advisor

- \_\_\_ General Elective \_\_\_\_\_
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#### DEG 02b. Add'l Requirements (23 hrs.)

##### Required Courses

- \_\_\_ CHE 106/L<sup>1</sup> - General Chemistry I [4]
- \_\_\_ CHE 251/L<sup>2</sup> - Elem Organic Chemistry [4]
- \_\_\_ CHE 420/L<sup>3</sup> - Prin of Biochemistry [4]
- \_\_\_ PHY 111/L<sup>4</sup> - General Physics I [4]
- \_\_\_ PHY 112/L<sup>5</sup> - General Physics II [4]
- \_\_\_ MAT 167<sup>6</sup> - Calculus I w/ Analytic Geo [3]

##### Prerequisites:

- <sup>1</sup> ACT Comp ≥ 20 **or** MAT 101 ≥ C
- <sup>2</sup> CHE 106/L
- <sup>3</sup> CHE 251/L **or** CHE 255/L
- <sup>4</sup> MAT 103 **or** MAT 114 **or** MAT 167
- <sup>5</sup> PHY 111/L
- <sup>6</sup> ACT Math ≥ 26 **or** MAT 103 ≥ C **or** MAT 128 ≥ C

#### Forensics Course Rotations

**Fall:** FSC 301, FSC 440/L

**Spring:** FSC 321, FSC 430/L

#### Notes

#### Forensics Electives Catalog

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| CJ 342 <sup>1</sup> - Criminal Investigation [3]     | FSC 430/L <sup>5</sup> - Forensic Toxicology [4]       |
| CJ 482 <sup>2</sup> - Criminal Justice Ethics [3]    | FSC 440/L <sup>5</sup> - Drug Identification [4]       |
| FSC 320/L <sup>3</sup> - Forensic Analysis [4]       | FSC 442 - Arson and Explosives [3]                     |
| FSC 340/L <sup>4</sup> - Fingerprinting Analysis [4] | FSC 480 <sup>6</sup> - Seminar in Forensic Science [3] |
| FSC 410 - Firearms Identification [3]                | FSC 491/L <sup>7</sup> - Special Projects [1, 3, or 4] |

##### Prerequisites/Notes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><sup>1</sup> CJ 341 (waived for FSC majors)</li> <li><sup>2</sup> CJ 200</li> <li><sup>3</sup> FSC 141, CHE 106/L</li> <li><sup>3</sup> FSC 140/L</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><sup>5</sup> FSC 320/L</li> <li><sup>6</sup> Variable topic course; may be taken twice for a total of 6 hrs.; cannot repeat same topic</li> <li><sup>7</sup> Independent research; Classification = Senior <b>and</b> Instructor permission</li> </ul> |
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