

Forensics

Degree Type

Certificate

FORENSICS CERTIFICATE 27 SEMESTER HOURS

Physical evidence plays an important role in both the investigation and prosecution of criminal cases. Advances in science have revolutionized the way criminal justice agencies investigate incidents, analyze evidence and identify possible suspects. This process begins with the efficient location and collection of physical evidence at the crime scene. This initial step in the investigative process may be carried out by a number of criminal justice professionals.

Many departments employ crime scene technicians who are specifically trained in the proper collection and preservation of various forms of physical evidence. These specialized officers are called to crime scenes as needed. However, it is often the patrolman who is the first person to come into contact with vital evidence once a crime has been committed. As a result, it has become increasingly important that even entry level personnel have some familiarity with the basic principles of evidence preservation.

OCtech's Forensic Certificate Program is designed to educate students in the basic scientific and legal principles which affect physical evidence as well as familiarize them with evidence collection techniques currently used by criminal justice agencies. A certificate in Forensics would be useful for those already working in law enforcement or those students who are interested in forensics or evidence collection as a career.

Fall

Course Number	Title	Credits
CRJ-101	Introduction to Criminal Just	3
CRJ-115	Criminal Law I	3
CRJ-202	Criminalistics	3
ENG-101	English Composition	3
PSY-201	General Psychology	3

Spring

Course Number	Title	Credits
CRJ-204	Adv. Crime Scene & Investigative Photo.	3
CRJ-230	Criminal Investigation I	3
CRJ-236	Criminal Evidence	3
SPC-205	Public Speaking	3
Total Credits		27