

# Graduate and Professional Catalog

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#### FORS 7332. Scientific Communications. 3 Hours.

Students develop the oral and written communication skills necessary for forensic science researchers and practitioners. Students must develop mastery of the following: technical report writing with regard to standard operating procedures, scientific publications and grant proposals; oral presentations, depositions and courtroom testimony of scientific evidence.

**Prerequisite:** FORS 5226

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## PhD in Forensic Science

Description

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### Marketable Skills

During the first year of study, students are exposed to the major forensic disciplines in addition to the forensic internship. After successfully completing core coursework during the first year, students identify their discipline of study and commence research under the direction of their faculty advisor.

**Students with an MS in Forensic Science from a FEPAC-accredited institution may be eligible to transfer credit towards the eighty-six credit hour requirement.**

### Doctor of Philosophy in Forensic Science

#### Required Courses

FORS 5445	Forensic Instrumental Analysis	4
FORS 5117	Controlled Substances	1
FORS 5360	Pattern and Physical Evidence Concepts	3
FORS 5435	Trace/Microscopical Analysis	4
	Forensic Biology	4
	Forensic Toxicology	4
	Seminar In Forensic Science	1
	Law And Forensic Sciences	2
	Quality Assurance and Ethical Conduct in Forensic Science	2
	Forensic Science Research <sup>1</sup>	6
	Forensic Science Internship	3
	Research Methods	3
FORS 7332	Scientific Communications	3
FORS 7390	Forensic Laboratory Management	3

#### Prescribed Electives <sup>2</sup>

Select twenty-eight semester credit hours of approved graduate courses in BIOL, CHEM, CRJ, FORS, or PSYC.

#### Dissertation

FORS 8099	Dissertation <sup>3</sup>	15
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**Total Hours** **86**

<sup>1</sup> FORS 6014 must be taken for a total of six credit hours.

<sup>2</sup> Once the minimum number of dissertation research hours have been met, dissertation hours may be substituted for electives (15 SCH maximum) with approval of the department chair.

<sup>3</sup> Once enrolled in FORS 8099, students must enroll in this course every semester until graduation.

