

Solve crimes and serve justice with forensic science at Rivier University.

Why Study Forensic Science at Rivier?

Rivier's Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science is an interdisciplinary program that prepares you for careers in forensic investigation and scientific analysis. The program blends the natural sciences with practical applications in criminal justice, law, and ethics.

Students learn how to analyze physical and digital evidence, solve complex problems, and apply scientific methods to legal and criminal investigations. Through interactive laboratory coursework, case-based instruction, and realistic investigative simulations, you will develop essential skills and hands-on experience in forensic science practice.

Build Your Knowledge Base

With a curriculum that integrates biology, chemistry, quantitative analysis, genetics, and criminal law, graduates are well prepared for careers in crime laboratories, law enforcement, cybersecurity, federal and investigative agencies, and other industries that rely on forensic analysis. As advances in genomics, chemical analysis, and artificial intelligence continue to transform the field, students gain the skills and experience needed to succeed in modern forensic careers.

Gain Real-World Experience

Rivier's Science and Innovation Center offers students advanced laboratories equipped for DNA analysis, organic chemistry, and forensic investigation. Technology-enhanced classrooms and collaborative research spaces allow students to connect theory to practice, apply scientific principles to investigate complex cases, and participate in forensic experiments.

Your learning extends beyond the classroom with internships and professional experiences starting as early as your sophomore year. By engaging with local, regional, and national partners, students build professional networks and learn how forensic science shapes communities and justice systems.

Begin Your Career

A B.S. in Forensic Science leads to careers using science and technology to analyze evidence in the pursuit of justice. Careers involving forensic science include:

- Crime laboratory analyst
- Crime scene investigator
- Digital forensics specialist
- DNA analyst
- Forensic chemist
- Forensic toxicologist



36,000 sq. ft.
cutting-edge
Science and Innovation
Center opened in 2020



90+ years
of educational
excellence



100%
of students receive
financial aid



100%
of students complete
internships, field
experiences, or service
learning programs



Journeys of Transformation

Rivier University's core curriculum, titled *Journeys of Transformation*, aligns with the American Association of College & Universities essential learning outcomes. Coursework focuses on developing strong intellectual and practical skills for workforce success, and offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, and civic engagement to enhance leadership abilities.

Course of Study

FORENSIC SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

FORE 1XX	Introduction to Forensic Science
FORE 2XX	Fundamental Lab Techniques for Forensic Science
FORE 3XX	Instrumental Analysis
FORE 4XX	Advanced Forensic Science
FORE 4XX	Forensic Science: Internship I
FORE 4XX	Forensic Science: Internship II
FORE 4XX	Forensic Science: Capstone

SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

BIOL 103/104	General Biology I & II
BIOL 202	Genetics
CHEM 104/104L	General Chemistry I & Lab I
CHEM 105/105L	General Chemistry II & Lab II
CHEM 201/201L	Organic Chemistry I & Lab I
CHEM 202/202L	Organic Chemistry II & Lab II

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

CRIM 160	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIM 200	Legal Writing and Research
CRIM 410	Homicide Investigation

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Students choose five three-credit elective courses (15 credits) to reach the total number of credits required for the degree.

The University reserves the right to make changes when appropriate and necessary as needed without notification. (0326)

Employment Promise Program

Rivier's *Employment Promise Program* enhances the career preparation and employability of students in all academic disciplines. The program includes mentorship through Rivier's Career Development Center and features a tailored four-year academic and professional development plan, integrating experiences that have been shown to enhance overall employability and improve job search success.

Confidence in the quality of a Rivier education enables the University to ensure invested students will secure employment within nine months of graduation. If not, the University will provide the student additional financial or educational support. Get more information at rivier.edu/EPP.



You're Invited

Attend an on-campus event, or schedule an individual campus tour for you and your family. You can access a complete listing of events and register online at events.rivier.edu or call us at (603) 897-8507.

Academic Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



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