



# Forensic Science

Forensic Science is designed for those wishing to pursue a career in forensic sciences, criminology, investigations, law enforcement, private or government agencies, jails and correctional institutions, and medical examiner's offices. The Criminalistics specialization provides preparation for work in crime and forensics laboratories, law enforcement agencies, private forensic and genetics laboratories, and research institutes. The Investigations specialization assists individuals pursuing careers in forensic crime scene and death investigations, medical investigations, private investigation and jail/correction areas.

## Entry Level Positions

- Trace evidence
- Forensics (DNA)
- Forensic toxicology
- Computer forensics
- Latent fingerprint examinations
- Police/probation officer
- Juvenile and adult corrections
- Jail or prison worker

## Further Education/Experience Required

- Criminologist
- Investigator
- Lab director
- Lead investigator
- Public defender/district attorney
- FBI agent/counter intelligence agent
- Security and protective services
- Research specialist

## Enhancing Employability

Participate in internships with the Department of Justice, Criminal Divisions, local police departments, correctional facilities, and any federal/state/local law enforcement agencies. Join local chapters of professional associations in your area.

## Employers of Forensic Science Graduates

- Public Courts
- Police Departments
- Criminal Investigation
- Detective Work
- Private detention/prison facilities
- Forensic and Police Technology
- Medical Examiner's Office
- Forensic Laboratories
- National/Homeland Security
- Postal Authority
- Local/state/federal governments

## Professional Associations and Affiliations

American Board of Forensics Psychology  
[www.abfp.com](http://www.abfp.com)

American Society of Criminology  
[www.asc41.com](http://www.asc41.com)

American Academy of Forensic Science  
[www.aafs.org](http://www.aafs.org)

American Board of Criminalistics  
[www.criminalistics.com](http://www.criminalistics.com)

American Society of Crime Lab Directors  
[www.asclcd.org](http://www.asclcd.org)

California Association of Criminalists  
[www.cacnews.org](http://www.cacnews.org)

California Association of Licensed Investigators  
[www.cali-pi.org](http://www.cali-pi.org)

National Association of Legal Investigators  
[www.nalionline.org](http://www.nalionline.org)

Private Investigator Resources  
[www.einvestigator.com](http://www.einvestigator.com)

Southern California Assoc. of Fingerprint Officers  
[www.scafo.org](http://www.scafo.org)

FBI  
[www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

Federal Bureau of Prisons  
[www.bop.gov](http://www.bop.gov)

The Corrections Connection  
[www.corrections.com](http://www.corrections.com)

Society of Investigation Services  
[www.asis.com](http://www.asis.com)