

Western Carolina University
College of Arts and Sciences
Forensic Science Program

Forensic Science Application Packet

Mail or deliver completed application packet and all supporting materials to:

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For admission during the *fall semester*, applications **must be** postmarked by June 1st. For admission during the *spring semester*, applications **must be** postmarked by December 5th. Late applications will be moved to the following admission cycle.

All Pre-forensic science students seeking admission into the Forensic Science Program must submit this application.

If you have additional questions concerning application to the Forensic Science Program, please contact:

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General Information for all Forensic Science Applicants:

1. **The successful applicant must meet the following requirements:**
 - a. Admission into Western Carolina University
 - b. Completion of the core science curriculum: CHEM 139 and 140, BIOL 140, PHYS 130 and 131, CHEM 241, MATH 153 and 270. If the student plans to complete the core coursework during the semester in which he/she applies to the program, the decision will not be made until all final grades have been posted.
 - c. Cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all attempted undergraduate core coursework
 - d. Submission of a Statement of Purpose outlining interests and career goals
 - e. Completion of a background check acknowledgment form

2. **Admission into WCU:** Students transferring from another college or university should complete the WCU admissions form available online at <http://www.wcu.edu/15.asp>. Official college transcripts are required for application to WCU. Additionally, a second copy of official transcripts is to be mailed along with the Forensic Science application packet. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that transcripts have been received by WCU.

3. **Criteria used for admissions decisions:**
 - a. **Core science coursework:** The student must have completed all of the core science courses listed under section 1, part D above.
 - b. **GPA:** The student must have a GPA of 2.75 or better in all undergraduate forensic science core coursework. If you do not meet the minimum GPA requirement, you will **not be admitted** to the program. **No exceptions will be made.**
 - c. **Statement of Purpose:** The student will include a 1-2 page essay describing his/her career goals, and how a B.S. degree in Forensic Science will enable him/her to achieve those goals.

4. **The admission process:**
 - a. **Notification letters:** Letters will be mailed to all applicants in July for Fall admission and in January for Spring admission. Those students not meeting the entry requirements will NOT be accepted into the Forensic Science program and will receive a rejection letter. Students submitting a poorly written essay may be asked to submit a rewrite before acceptance is granted. Two or more essay rewrite requests may result in program rejection. All other students will receive a letter of acceptance.

5. **Additional Information:**
 - a. Applications from students in their “final semester” will NOT BE ACCEPTED. Students must be admitted prior to the final semester in order to graduate with a B.S. in Forensic Science. All students are encouraged to apply at the end of their sophomore year, or the semester in which the core courses are completed.

The Forensic Science Program will not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, or disability in either the selection of students for participation in the educational program, or as to any aspects of the laboratory training, provided however that with respect to disability, the disability must not be such as would with reasonable accommodation in and of itself preclude the student's effective participation in the educational program and laboratory training.

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General Instructions for all Forensic Science Applicants:

1. Read and follow all instructions carefully. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that all application materials are received by the university.
2. Keep a copy of all submitted application materials for your records.

Application Instructions for Current WCU Students

Complete the following:

1. Forensic Science Admission Application and Course Checklist
2. Official Transcripts from all Colleges and Universities attended
3. Statement of Purpose
4. Background Check Acknowledgement Form

Application Instructions for Transfer Students

Apply/reapply to WCU. Acceptance to WCU does NOT guarantee acceptance into the Forensic Science Program.

Complete the following:

1. Forensic Science Admission Application and Course Checklist
2. Official Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended except WCU
3. Statement of Purpose
4. Background Check Acknowledgement Form

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Forensic Science Program Application**

Contact Information

NAME: _____ 92#: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CAMPUS ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CAMPUS PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAIL MY NOTIFICATION LETTER TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Have you applied to the Forensic Science Program before? ___ When? _____

Academic History

Please list all colleges and universities attended. Academic transcripts from all institutions except WCU must be received for admission.

Institution	Dates Attended	Major	Degree	Transcript Requested?

Application Checklist

Please verify that the following items have been satisfied prior to application submission:

_____ Transcripts from all colleges and universities included (except WCU)

_____ Statement of Purpose Included

_____ Background Check Acknowledgement Included

_____ Appropriate GPA

_____ Core Science Courses Completed

CHEM 139 _____ Grade _____

CHEM 140 _____ Grade _____

CHEM 241 _____ Grade _____

BIOL 140 _____ Grade _____

PHYS 130 _____ Grade _____

PHYS 131 _____ Grade _____

MATH 153 _____ Grade _____

MATH 270 _____ Grade _____

By signing below, I confirm that all of the information provided within this application packet is true.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

BACKGROUND CHECK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, understand that as a Forensic Science student and/or intern I may be subjected to a criminal background check. Many Forensic Science laboratories require interns and employees to submit to a background check during the application process. I understand that if I possess a criminal record of any kind, I may not be permitted to complete an internship. I also may not be able to work in the Forensic Science field after graduation.

Print Name

Date

Signature

Academic Advisor Name

Date

Signature