The new minor is tailored towards criminal justice majors interested in pursuing investigative or non-laboratory-based careers in forensic science (e.g., Crime Scene Investigators) and science majors who may have an interest in more traditional (laboratory-based) careers in forensic science.

The minor in forensic science is most suitably paired with (but not limited to) the following majors:
- Criminal Justice
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Nursing
- Computing Science
- Psychology

The structure of the minor is sufficiently flexible to meet the diverse needs of both criminal justice and science majors. Students must complete 18 credit hours from the following list of courses, of which at least six credits must be 400-4000 level courses.

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Courses required for the major cannot count towards this minor. Online and classroom offerings are available.

The minor in forensic science will appeal to students majoring in other areas that have a general interest in forensics, intend to apply for graduate programs in forensic science, or pursue investigative or forensic career paths.

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CRIJ 2394 The Courts and Criminal Procedure (3)
CRIJ 2362 Criminology (3)
CRIJ 2368 Criminal Investigation (3)
FORS 3366 Forensic Science (3)
FORS 4364 Crime Scene Investigation Techniques (3)
FORS 4380 Ethics and Professional Practice (3)
FORS 4310 Physical Evidence Techniques (3)
FORS 3380 Introduction to Forensic Chemistry (3)
FORS 4320 Fundamentals of Forensic Biology (3)

The forensic science minor offers great flexibility for a diverse range of forensic interests and career goals. Students are able to select 18 credit hours from online course offerings.

Example course pairings for students with investigative and science-based interests are shown below:

**Investigative focus:**
- CRIJ 2394 The Courts and Criminal Procedure (3)
- CRIJ 2368 Criminal Investigation (3)
- FORS 3366 Forensic Science (3)
- FORS 4364 Crime Scene Investigation Techniques (3)
- FORS 4310 Physical Evidence Techniques (3)
- FORS 4380 Ethics and Professional Practice (3)

**TOTAL:** 18 credit hours

**Science focus:**
- FORS 3366 Forensic Science (3)
- FORS 4364 Crime Scene Investigation Techniques (3)
- FORS 4310 Physical Evidence Techniques (3)
- FORS 3380 Introduction to Forensic Chemistry (3)
- FORS 4320 Fundamentals of Forensic Biology (3)
- FORS 4380 Ethics and Professional Practice (3)

**TOTAL:** 18 credit hours

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