Fayetteville State University's Honors Program in Forensic Science

The purpose of the Honors Program in Forensic Science is to allow exceptionally able, ambitious, and self-motivated students to do independent, original research in Forensic Science as well as increase their knowledge and skills in specific areas of the Forensic (biology or chemistry).

1. ***Admission:*** Students majoring in Forensic (biology or chemistry) must complete an *Application for Admission* into the Honors Program (http://www.uncfsu.edu/honors/) earn a minimum of 12 semester hours at FSU, and have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.3. Applications are accepted only in the spring semester. In addition, the student must secure two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from a college faculty) and write a 250-500 word essay. Admission is based on the student's demonstrated Honors potential at FSU. Transfer students must not have more than 60 semester hours.

2. ***Courses*****:** A grade of "B" or better is required to earn honors credit for the course. (Failure to earn honors credit would not prevent a student from earning course credit with a final grade of "C" or "D"). The department requires that each student sign a contract for each honors course in the major. The contract explains the extra assignments and projects for the honors students enrolled in the course. To maintain eligibility to enroll in honors courses (or seek honors credit in regular classes), students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.3 Grade Point Average with at least 12 earned hours per semester.

3. **Service Learning Experiences, Events, and Other Extracurricular Activities:** Students in Honors Forensic Science are assigned a departmental Honors Coordinator, who will design appropriate service learning experiences (internships, tutor students need help, Study-Abroad, student conferences, and hold a position as e-board member in Forensic Science Club, etc.) in the program. In addition to that honor student will get involve in research with a faculty member (forensic biology/chemistry or any other faculty member in the department of Natural Sciences) during his/her entire junior and senior years. Finally, student will prepare his/her research and present poster or oral presentation.

4. **Certification Requirements**: To graduate with Honors in Forensic Science, a student must complete 30 hours of honors credit, 12 of which are University College level, and at least 18 of which are in the major either in Forensic Biology or Forensic Chemistry concentration. The Forensic honors student must complete six honors courses of the following: FORS 200 (Introduction to Forensic Science); CRJC 202 (Legal Aspects of Criminal Justice); FORS 300 (Forensic Professional Practice); FORS/BIOL 325 (Molecular biology-Biology concentration only); CHEM 210 (Analytical chemistry-Chemistry concentration only); FORS 400 (Forensic Microscopy); FORS 410 (Technical Writing in Forensic Science); FORS 420 (Analytical Methods in Forensic Science I); FORS 430 (Analytical Methods in Forensic Science II-Chemistry concentration only); FORS 440 (Internship); and FORS 450 (Analytical Methods in Forensic Science II-Biology concentration only). In consultation with the department Honors coordinator and the Honors Program director, the student must successfully complete at least four hours of independent research at the Honors level (FORS 440 above which is part of the 18 hours) and write an honors thesis that is approved by two Natural Science faculties and the Honors Program. The student must successfully defend the Honors thesis based on research.

Department Approval
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