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.

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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Western Carolina University  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Forensic Science Program

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
   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. GPA: The student must have a GPA of 2.75 or better in all attempted undergraduate core coursework
   b. Core science coursework: The student must have completed all of the core science courses listed under section 1, part D above.
   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 November 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. All other students will receive a letter of acceptance.

5. Entry Requirements:
   a. Students who have exceptional academic records may appeal to the program director to have some application requirements waived.

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. Signature page
3. Official Transcripts from all Colleges and Universities attended
4. Statement of Purpose
5. 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. Signature page
3. Official Transcripts from all Colleges and Universities attended
4. Statement of Purpose
5. Background Check Acknowledgement Form
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:

________________________________________

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

Academic History

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

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Application Checklist

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

__________ Transcripts from all colleges and universities included

__________ 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 _________
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

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Academic Advisor Name                          Date

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Signature