Western Carolina University
College of Arts and Sciences
Forensic Science Program

Forensic Science Application Packet

Mail 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 October 1st.

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
   c. Cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all attempted undergraduate core coursework
   d. Completion of the comprehensive entrance examination with a grade of 70% or better
   e. Submission of a Statement of Purpose outlining interests and career goals
   f. Completion of the Forensic Science Application packet by June 1st for Fall admission or October 1st for Spring admission
   g. 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. **Comprehensive examination:** The student must have completed the comprehensive examination with a grade of 70% or better
   d. **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.
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.

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**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. Comprehensive Examination Score Documentation
5. Statement of Purpose
6. Background Check Acknowledgement Form

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**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. Comprehensive Examination Score Documentation
5. Statement of Purpose
6. Background Check Acknowledgement Form
Western Carolina University
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:

_________________________________________________________________

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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

___________ Comprehensive Examination Completed

    Examination Score _____________

___________ 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

Academic Advisor Name ________________________________ Date ________________________________

Signature