Minor in Forensic Applications of Science and Technology

The CRCJ minor in *Forensic Applications of Science and Technology* (FAST) provides a multidisciplinary approach designed for criminology and criminal justice majors pursuing professional careers in non-laboratory-based areas of forensic science, such as crime scene investigation and in any discipline where a working knowledge of the basic concepts of forensic science and technology would prove beneficial. Science majors pursuing laboratory-based careers in forensic science may also find this minor advantageous. Students must complete 18 credit hours from the courses listed below, with at least six hours at the 4000 level.

FAST minor students must earn a GPA of 3.0 or better in these courses. Elective courses for the minor cannot be utilized for double credit in the student’s major. An academic minor may only be awarded upon current completion of a baccalaureate degree at the University of Texas at Arlington.

**Required Entry Course (also satisfies CRCJ core):**
- CRCJ 3370 Introduction to Forensics

**Electives:**
- CRCJ 3307 Introduction to Security Systems
- CRCJ 3320 Cybercrime
- CRCJ 3371 Crime Scene Investigation (prerequisite: 3370)
- CRCJ 4357 Forensic Firearms Investigation (prerequisite: 3370)
- CRCJ 4340 Forensic Death Investigation (prerequisite: 3370)
- CRCJ 4341 Forensic Examination of Impression Evidence (Prerequisite: 3370 & 3371)
- CRCJ 4342 Forensic Hair and Fiber Examination (Prerequisite: 3370)
- CRCJ 4343 Forensic Expert Testimony (Prerequisite: 3370)
- CRCJ 4390 Internship practicum in a department-approved forensic, crime scene, or digital technology setting. Participation in CRCJ 4390 requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 in CRCJ courses and in all courses completed at UTA.

With departmental approval, courses offered by other academic units that have an applied forensic focus may be considered for the FAST minor. Examples include:
- ANTH 4407 Forensic Anthropology
- BIOL 3352 Introduction to Forensic Lab Science
- BIOL 4352 Forensic Biology
- BIOL 4406 Human Osteology (Also offered as ANTH 4406)
- PSYC 3308 Forensic Psychology
- PSYC 3303 Drugs and Behavior

This minor would be appropriately combined with the following majors: Criminology and Criminal Justice, Biology, Chemistry, Nursing, Psychology, and Computer Science.

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