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 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.

To earn a FAST minor students must earn a GPA of 3.0 or better in those courses. Courses required 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:
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)
CRCJ 3307  Introduction to Security Systems
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, or Computer Science.

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