

Program Overview Forensic Science Concentration

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Master of Science in Pharmacy with a concentration in Forensic Science program! As a new student we expect that you are eager to begin mapping out your journey!

Please read all the requirements below that you must follow on the road to graduation. If you have questions about course content or course order, contact your academic advisor, Prof. Nancy Toffolo, at ntoffolo@ufl.edu. If you have questions about registration, admission, or anything else, contact dess@ahc.ufl.edu.

Core-Required Courses

Core-Required Courses must be completed before your final semester and must be completed before the Required Courses.

| Course # | Course Title | Credits | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|------|
| PHA 6853 | Biological Evidence and Serology | 3 | Х | х | Х |
| PHA 6850 | Principles of Forensic Science | 3 | х | х | Х |
| VME 6613 | Forensic Toxicology 1 | 3 | х | | Χ |
| VME 6766 | Laboratory QA/QC | 3 | х | х | Х |
| PHA 6935 | Applied Statistics for Data Analysis | 3 | Х | х | Х |

Required Courses

Required Courses must be completed in your final semester.

| Course # | Course Title | Credits | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|----------|--|---------|--------|--------|------|
| PHA 6936 | Literature Survey of Forensic Science | 2 | Х | х | X |
| PHA 6936 | Special Topics in Forensic Science (online via ProctorU) | 1 | х | х | Х |

Elective Courses

At least 14 elective credits must be taken in addition to the above 18 credits. Of the 14 elective credits required for the degree, at least 4 credits need to be a PHA course number.

They can be taken in any semester prior to the final semester, which is reserved for the Required Courses only. Only 14 credits are required from the elective course list and can be taken in any order (see notes)*.

| Course # | Course Title | Credits | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|------|
| PHA 6535 | Principles of Nucleotide Activity | 2 | Х | х | X |
| VME 6614 | Forensic Toxicology 2 | 3 | х | х | |
| PHA 6534 | Toxicology of Chemical Weapons | 3 | | | X |
| PHA 6935 | Advanced Criminalistics | 3 | | | х |
| PHA 6856 | Blood Distribution and Spatter | 3 | x | x | Х |



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|---|---|---------|--------|--------|------|
| PHA 6425 | Drug Biotransformation & Molecular Mechanisms of Toxicity | 3 | Х | | Х |
| PHA 6935 | Biosecurity and Microbial Forensics | 3 | | | Х |
| PHA 6851 | Forensic Analysis of DNA | 3 | Х | х | х |
| PHA 6935 | Forensic Analysis of DNA 2 | 3 | Х | х | Х |
| PHA 6855 | Forensic Genetics | 3 | х | х | х |
| PHA 6854 | Forensic Immunology | 3 | Х | | x |
| PHA 6471 | Synthetic Medicinal Chemistry | 3 | Х | | х |
| VME 6605 | Toxic Substances | 3 | Х | х | |
| PHA 6935 | Organic Structure Elucidation | 3 | | | Х |
| PHA 6417 | Pharmaceutical Analysis 2 | 3 | х | | х |
| VME 6602 | General Toxicology | 3 | Х | | х |
| PHA 6852 | Mammalian Molecular Biology | 3 | х | х | |
| PHA 6840 | Medicinal Chemistry of Drugs of Abuse | 3 | х | х | |
| PHA 6935 | Metabolic Biochemistry | 3 | Х | | х |
| PHA 6354 | Natural Medicinal Products | 3 | х | | х |
| PHA 6935 | Environmental Forensics 1 | 3 | | х | |
| PHA 6935 | Chemistry of Explosive Materials | 3 | | х | |
| VME 6650 | Principles of Mammalian Pharmacology | 4 | | х | х |
| PHA 6935 | Forensic Anthropology 1 | 4 | х | х | х |
| VME 6934 | Introduction to Forensic Medicine 1 | 4 | Х | х | Х |
| PHA 6935 | Introduction to Forensic Medicine 2 | 4 | Х | | Х |
| PHA 6935 | Crime Scene Investigation | 3 | | | Х |
| PHA 6935 | Fingerprint Detection and Identification | 3 | | х | |
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*Notes:

- Forensic Toxicology I, Biological Evidence and Principles of Forensic Science should be completed early in the program, and Laboratory QAQC should only be taken after successfully completing one of these three courses; these courses must all be completed prior to your final semester in the program.
- Introduction to Forensic Medicine 1 should be completed before Introduction to Forensic Medicine 2.
- Principles of Forensic Science should be completed before Advanced Criminalistics.
- Special Topics and Literature Surveys must be completed in the final semester

Graduation

- Students graduating in the Fall/Spring must take at least 3 credits in the final semester.
- Students graduating in the **Summer** must take at least **2 credits** in the final semester.
- 32 credits are required to complete the degree.
- Only courses completed with a grade of C or higher can be counted toward the degree.
- You must maintain both an overall GPA and major GPA of a 3.0 or higher to graduate.
- Upon completion of the program, graduates will earn a Master of Science in Pharmacy with a major in Pharmaceutical Sciences and a concentration in Forensic Science issued by the Graduate School of the University of Florida. Your transcript will read Master of Science in Pharmacy, graduation date, major Pharmaceutical Sciences, concentration