

La Roche College
CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINALISTICS PROGRAM GUIDE
Department: Justice, Law, and Security

Student Name _____ ☐ First-Year Student ☐ Transfer
 I.D. Number _____ ☐ Change of Major ☐ Readmit

PURPOSE: The Department of Justice, Law, and Security, in coordination with the departments of Biology and Chemistry, offers a Certificate in Criminalistics. This certificate will be awarded to those who have demonstrated proficiency in the forensic application of the sciences of Biology and Chemistry. This forensic application entails a basic understanding and demonstrated knowledge of selected subject matter areas of the Criminal Justice System.

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS: Certificate must be completed within the student's graduation timeline. Students must have a declared major of Biology with Forensics, Chemistry with Forensics or Criminal Justice.

AVAILABILITY: Required coursework normally only available during the day; two academic years estimated for minor completion (Course rotation and prerequisites). (NOTE: Estimate assumes student completion of zero minor credits at time of minor declaration.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF A CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINALISTICS FOR BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY MAJORS:

		<u>Credits</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
_____	CRIM1001 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3	_____
_____	CRIM3010 Criminal Law	3	_____
_____	CRIM3045 Criminal Investigation	3	_____
_____	CRIM3041 Criminalistics (Lecture and Lab)	4	_____
Prereq	BIOL1003-1006 Coreq is Jr/Sr Status		
	CHEM 1001-10004		
	CRIM 1001		

Total Credits Earned _____
 Credits Required 13
 Credits Remaining _____

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF A CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINALISTICS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJORS:

		<u>Credits</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
_____	CRIM1001 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3	_____
_____	CRIM3010 Criminal Law	3	_____
_____	CRIM3045 Criminal Investigation	3	_____
_____	CRIM3041 Criminalistics (Lecture and Lab)	4	_____
Prereq	BIOL1003-1006 Coreq is Jr/Sr Status		
	CHEM 1001-10004		
	CRIM 1001		

_____	SLCI Science course – Biology	3	_____
_____	SLCI Science course – Chemistry	3	_____
_____	BIOL1003 – BIOL1006 General Biology I and II (Lecture and Lab)	8	_____
_____	CHEM1001 – CHEM1004 General Chemistry I & II (Lecture and Lab)	8	_____
_____	CRIM3040 Crime Scene and Forensics	3	_____

Total Credits Earned _____
 Credits Required 38
 Credits Remaining _____

Research Requirement

During the Senior Seminar or Capstone course, the candidate will complete a research project on an area in forensic science. The proposed topic will be submitted in writing and approved by the coordinating committee, the members of which will ensure that the approval criteria and evaluation criteria are consistent for each project.

Coordinating Committee:

Lawrence E. Likar, J.D., M.A., CPP

Associate Professor and Chair

Department of Justice, Law, and Security

Gail Rowe, Ph.D.

Professor, Biology Department

Don Fujito, Ph.D.

Professor and Department Chair, Chemistry Department

Grade Requirement

All candidates must receive a minimum grade of "C" for each forensic component course and the research project. Criminal Justice majors must also receive a minimum grade of "C" in all required science courses.

Department Chair's Signature _____

Date: _____

Registrar's Signature _____

Date _____