

# FORENSIC SCIENCE PROGRAM

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## Administration

- Mary Ellen O'Toole, Director

George Mason University is home to one of the premiere forensic science programs in the country. Forensic science is the application of scientific principles and techniques to the legal process. It is a blanket term for many fields and disciplines, all related to the application of science to the law. The mission of the Forensic Science Program (FSP) is to provide outstanding scholarship to graduate and undergraduate students, seeking a career in forensic science, with both an in-depth theoretical as well as operational foundation.

As the field of forensic science is growing rapidly and new technology is being developed on a regular basis, our FSP specializes in providing the most current, accepted practices and methodologies in the application of forensic science techniques. The program also provides specialized learning experiences through select internship possibilities and research opportunities.

Our two-pronged theoretical-operational programs, prepare both undergraduate and graduate students with the skills and scientific knowledge to work in entry level and advanced positions. Depending on their degree and areas of interest, students are prepared to work in a wide range of forensic settings: from the laboratory to a homicide scene to the battle field as an intelligence analyst/officer, tasked with using biometrics to identify the next lone wolf or terrorist cell.

The FSP is an interdisciplinary academic program with its own dedicated teaching faculty who all have operational experience in forensic science. The program is administered by the Forensic Science Program Director, and is governed by the Forensic Science Program Committee.

## Faculty

### Program Faculty

#### Director

O'Toole

#### Associate Professors

Rancourt, Rule

#### Assistant Professors

Burmeister, DiZinno, Falsetti, Knight

#### Adjunct Faculty

Buhrow, Christensen, Clay, Cruciotti, Eckenrode, Hutchinson, Mullins, O'Neal, Palmer, Smith, Strohmeyer, Rodway, Weldon

## Programs

- Forensic Science Minor
- Forensic Science, BS
- Forensic Science, MS
- Forensics Graduate Certificate