

Associate of Science: Forensic Science Specialization

AREA: Science

Forensic Science Specialization

DEGREE: Associate of Science Degree

LENGTH: Four semesters (two-year) program

PURPOSE: The associate of science degree program with specialization in forensic science is designed to introduce students to the many disciplines available within the field while providing a basic foundation to pursue specific areas of interest at a four-year college or university. Upon graduation with a forensic science specialization associate degree, students can obtain employment as forensic science technician or a records officer. Students who obtain a baccalaureate degree or higher in forensic science can pursue a career in a laboratory as a forensic analyst or in the field as an investigator with a crime scene unit. This program is designed for a broad range of students including nursing, biology, criminal law, law enforcement and other allied health programs.

TRANSFER GUIDELINES: The associate of arts and sciences (AA&S) and associate of science (AS) degrees offered by LFCC are designed to provide freshman and sophomore level course work toward the completion of a bachelor's degree. The AA&S and AS degree programs require students to take essentially the same courses as required by their university/four-year college counterparts in the areas of English, health/physical education, humanities, mathematics, science and social science.

To help facilitate the transfer process, LFCC has created an online 'Transfer Guide' that provides detailed information such as tuition, GPA, application requirements, course equivalents, and other information that may be useful in the transfer process. The transfer guide can be found at www.lfcc.edu/transfer. The Virginia Community College System also offers a Transfer Planning Tool on the Virginia Educational Wizard, which can be found at www.vawizard.org.

Students should begin preparing for transfer as early as possible. Steps in this process include: making a career decision, identifying colleges which offer the intended program of study, examining available transfer information and college catalogs, exploring Guaranteed Admissions and Transfer agreements, talking with transfer representatives, identifying program prerequisites, researching the academic competitiveness of the institutions and program under consideration, attending open house events offered by the colleges and exploring financial aid and housing opportunities.

LFCC offers many services and programs to assist the transfer student. Students are encouraged to seek the assistance of an advisor or counselor to gain additional information to plan a successful transfer experience.

Course #	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
IT/CS	Computer Elective ¹	3
MTH	Mathematics Elective ²	3
SDV 100/101	College Success Skills	1
ADJ 171	Intro to Forensic Science I	4
Total		14
Second Semester		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HIS	History Elective ³	3
MTH	Mathematics Elective ²	3
ADJ 172	Intro to Forensic Science II	4
	Approved Forensic Elective ⁴	3
Total		16
Third Semester		
ENG	Literature Elective ³	3
	Social Science Elective ⁵	3
PED/HLT	Physical Education or Health	1
	Approved Forensic Elective ⁴	3
	Science with Laboratory ^{3,6}	4
Total		14
Fourth Semester		
CST	Communication Elective ³	3
	Social Science Elective ⁵	3
	Science with Laboratory ^{3,6}	4
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective ³	3
	Approved STEM Elective ⁷	3
Total		16
Program Total		60

¹ Students may select from the following courses to fulfill the computer / information literacy requirement: CSC 200, ITE 115, ITE 119

² Student should check with the institution to which they will be transferring to determine the most appropriate math courses to take; MTH 158 or higher; MTH 240-Statistics should be taken prior to transferring.

³ See the list of electives on page 41.

⁴ Recommended that students choose from the following electives: ADJ 173, 228, 236, 275 or 278

⁵ See electives offered on page 41. Recommended that students choose from the following: SOC 200, PSY 200, PSY 230, PSY 255, ADJ 247

⁶ A full-year sequence of science with lab is required; BIO, CHM or PHY

⁷ Recommended that students choose from the following electives: ADJ 228, ADJ 275, BIO, CHM, or PHY, May be BIO, CHM, CSC, EGR, GOL, MTH, NAS or PHY. Students are advised to meet with an academic or faculty advisor for optimum course selection for desired major and transfer institution.