

LAW/FORENSIC SCIENCE, JD/MS

Degree Requirements

The program's distinctive educational experiences enhance students' understanding of the scientific analysis of evidence can greatly contribute to their effectiveness both in and out of court, distinguishing them as candidates for criminal law oriented careers. Both forensic science methods and their handling in court proceedings have undergone marked changes over recent years, and knowledge of both aspects will best prepare students for their future encounters with forensic evidence. The joint degree is completed in 3 years with 100 credit hours versus 123 required credits if the degrees are obtained separately.

The Juris Doctor/Master's of Science, in Forensic Science is a joint degree, conferred by both the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Law. A student who is admitted to this joint program has the opportunity to obtain both the J.D. degree and the M.S., Forensic Science degree in substantially less time than would be required were the two degrees to be obtained independently.