

CRIMINALISTICS



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WHAT IS CRIMINALISTICS?

Criminalistics is a multidisciplinary career field in which professionals draw on the expertise of several fields, including justice administration, sociology, chemistry, biology, geosciences, and others. The FHSU Criminalistics program incorporates multiple disciplines to give students the skills they need to distinguish themselves in the field of crime solving and better prepare them for various career paths, including law enforcement, private enterprise, forensics, and research.

If you are intrigued by the intricacies of solving crimes and seeking to make a tangible difference in society, exploring a career in criminalistics could be the perfect fit for you. FHSU offers a Bachelor of Science in Criminalistics, with concentrations in Crime Mapping, Forensic Chemistry, or Forensic Biology.

RELATED CAREER TITLES

Arson Specialist	Crime Scene Examiner	Forensic Drug Chemist	Quality Assurance Manager
Ballistics Specialist	Criminalist	Forensic Evidence Coordinator	Research Technician
Blood Stain Specialist	DNA Analyst	Forensic Lab Analyst	Toxicologist
Chemical Safety Officer	Death Investigator	Pathologist Quality Investigator Scientist	
Crime Data Analyst	Fingerprint Examiner	Pharmaceutical Chemical Methods Lab Development Specialist	
Crime Lab Analyst	Firearm Examiner		

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Ability to conduct and clearly explain scientific research	Decision-making and sound judgment	Isolation and analysis of crime scene evidence
Ability to react spontaneously and maintain composure	Forensic evidence recovery and research	Organic and inorganic analysis
Ability to solve problems and meet deadlines	Identification of unknown individuals through forensics	Proficiency in interpersonal communication
Analytical thinking abilities in the face of adversity	Identifying the spatial patterns of crime incidents through geographic profiling	Qualitative and quantitative chemical analysis
Aptitude for accurate details and order	Impartial and unbiased explanation of forensic findings	Knowledge of the values and workings of the legal system
Background of legal knowledge	Instrumental methods of chemical analysis	Understanding of criminal justice processes

Attainment and demonstration of [NACE Career Readiness Competencies](#) help prepare for a successful transition into the workplace.

CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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RELATED CAREER EXPLORATION LINKS

Careers at the Drug Enforcement Administration: www.dea.gov/careers
Careers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation: www.fbijobs.gov/
Careers at the Internal Revenue Service: www.jobs.irs.gov/why-irs

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RELATED CAREER EXPLORATION LINKS (CONTINUED)

Careers at the United States Secret Service: www.secretservice.gov/join/index.shtml

Careers at the U.S. Marshals Service: www.usmarshals.gov/careers/index.html

Federal Jobs and Employment Information: www.usajobs.gov/

Military Careers: www.todaysmilitary.com/careers-benefits

FHSU Career Development Office: www.fhsu.edu/career/

Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh/



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