

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

General Forensic Investigation

Career Studies Certificate

AN, MA, WO

Purpose: This curriculum is designed to provide an introduction to the forensic investigation aspect of law enforcement and investigation. It provides an overview of forensic evidence, investigation methods, and procedures suitable for persons exploring the field as a career option or needing training for promotion. The curriculum can be applied toward program electives in the Associate of Applied Science degree in Administration of Justice.

One Year			Credits
1st Semester			
ADJ	171	Forensic Science I	4
ENG	111	College Composition I	3
MTH	151	Math for the Liberal Arts I	<u>3</u>
Total			10
2nd Semester			
ADJ	212	Criminal Law, Evidence, and Procedures II	3
¹ ADJ	275	Forensic Pathology or	
	² ADJ 298	Homicide Seminar or	
	BIO 101	General Biology I or	
	CHM 101	General Chemistry I	3-4
³ ADJ		Forensic Elective	<u>3</u>
Total			9-10

Total credits for the General Forensic Investigation Career Studies Certificate = 19-20

All first-time students must take a one-credit Student Development (SDV) course prior to enrolling in their 16th credit at NOVA.

¹ Course should be selected according to desired Forensic specialty or emphasis.

² Homicide seminar must be three-credit option.

³ Approved Forensic elective courses include the following: ADJ 118, ADJ 127, ADJ 134, ADJ 157, ADJ 164, ADJ 165, ADJ 172, ADJ 173, ADJ 174, ADJ 175, ADJ 176, ADJ 186, ADJ 226, ADJ 235, ADJ 236, ADJ 237, ADJ 276, ADJ 278.