

New master's degree added this Fall in Forensic Science

Southern Utah University will begin offering in the Fall 2006 semester, the only Master of Forensic Science degree program in the state!

A truly interdisciplinary professional master program, the curriculum will be a particularly strong one because it draws from the tremendous resources already available on campus. "The result being," Provost **Abe Harraf** says, "students will receive a broader, enriched education in this dynamic field and career path."

Indeed, the southern Utah campus is especially-equipped to offer this program to the significant pool of interested candidates. Some of the reasons in existence include:

The University's Moot Court Room and Crime Scene Lab in the Criminal Justice Department;



Forensic Microscopy is one of the courses available in the new Master of Forensic Science degree.

More than a dozen terminally and professionally-qualified faculty, in place, who will serve as the foundational professors in this program, coming from the disciplines of Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science Criminal Justice and Psychology;

Collaboration with southern Utah enforcement agencies and attorneys;

A supporting grant from the National Science Foundation;

The Utah State Crime Lab housed on campus;

Collaboration with Utah Valley State College's Center for Homeland Security.

"This master's degree is designed," Harraf says, "with our more than 1500 undergraduate majors in Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Accounting, Criminal Justice, and Computer Science/Information Systems in mind. Students will be ideally-prepared to continue their education in this popular and contemporary master's program."

The committee of faculty, administration and professional consultants have created a curriculum that will meticulously train students in areas that the experts, practicing out in the field, have stated are the skills they are looking for.

"This new master's degree is a terrific new program," President **Steven D. Bennion** says. "We are motivated and charged about offering it and proud to be providing experts to a field that is growing and improving, and contributing to society. Graduates from this program will be prepared for immediate employment in positions that will likely start at \$50-80,000." **SUU**

MASTER OF FORENSIC SCIENCE

A choice of six different emphases are available in the Master of Forensic program. Candidates will be required to complete 12 hours in one of the following emphases, along with a 6 hour internship and a 3 hour capstone that will involve analysis in court of actual cases.

FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

*Business Law II
Accounting Information Systems
Special Topics: Forensic Accounting
Graduate Readings: Forensic Accounting*

FORENSIC COMPUTER SCIENCE/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

*Introduction to Cyber-Crime
Digital Forensics
Computer Systems for Security Professionals
Networks and Internet Security*

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

*Forensic Psychology
Psychology of Criminal Behavior
Legal Psychology
Readings in Forensic Psychology*

FORENSIC CRIMINALISTICS

*Crime Scene Techniques
Forensic Science and Criminal Evidence
Courtroom Practices
Quality Assurance Principles in Forensic Science*

FORENSIC CHEMISTRY

*Forensic Chemistry Quality Assurance
Forensic Analytical Chemistry
Forensic Drug Analysis and Toxicology
Forensic Trace Evidence Analysis
Forensic Biochemistry*

FORENSIC BIOLOGY

*DNA Analysis and Quality Control
Forensic Microscopy and Lab
Readings in Forensic Biology*