



Administration of Justice & Public Safety Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Forensic Crime Scene Investigation

Total number of units: 17 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 210540

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Semester 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program Course	ADM JUS 005	Criminal Investigation	3	This course is the prerequisite for ADM JUS 172.	Offered in classroom (face to face) and Online.

Total Units 3

Semester 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program Course	ADM JUS 172	Criminalistics I	3	The prerequisite for this course is ADM JUS 005. This course is the prerequisite for ADM JUS 173. Sections are offered every semester including intersessions.	Offered in classroom (face to face) and Online.
Program Course	ADM JUS 174	Offender Profiling in Criminal Investigations	3		Offered in classroom (face to face) and Online. Sections are offered Fall, Spring and Winter sessions.

Total Units 6

Semester 3	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program Course	ADM JUS 173	Criminalistics II	3	The prerequisite for this course is ADM JUS 172	Offered in classroom (face to face) and Online.
Program Course	ADM JUS 285	Directed Studies in Administration of Justice	2		This class is offered in the Fall and Spring semester only.
Program Course	ADM JUS 428	Ethics in Forensic Science	3		Offered in classroom (face to face) and Online. Sections are offered Fall, Spring and Summer sessions.

Total Units 8

Degree Path and Requirements:

Upon completion of the forensic crime scene investigation certificate students will have met the following: Understand the concepts of rolling a clear and proper set of inked ten prints. Demonstrate ability to operate the automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS). Classify, compare and identify inked and latent prints. Understand the procedure for entering the crime scene, proper protocol, classification and collection of evidence. Demonstrate ability to identify steps taken in conducting a homicide, suicide, accident or natural case death in the investigation of a crime scene. Understand the use of digital photography including the identification of crime scene photos. Use safety when dealing with laboratory equipment and experiments with chemical processing. Prepare a presentation "courtroom ready" board for courtroom purposes. Use ethical procedures when dealing with confidential information, crime laboratory results and testimony in the courtroom. Complete a mock crime scene with 100% accuracy.

Program Description

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#).

Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with [financial aid](#) for eligibility.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Successful completion of the forensic crime scene investigation certificate will satisfy an important requirement for hire as a forensic specialist, crime scene investigator, related field of study (must have completed a forensic program). Professors will guide the student with the paperwork and interview process for the many opportunities within this field. Our ADM JUS 172 and ADM JUS 173 articulate with the California State University system. Contact Professor if you need assistance with transfer information. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#) for transfer information. [Career Coach job exploration](#); Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus.

Youtube Videos

[ELAC Forensics Program](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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