

# FORENSIC SCIENCE

Associate in Applied Science



**With an emphasis on science, investigative techniques, and crime scene management, the Forensic Science degree prepares students for employment in forensic investigation and/or to advance within the criminal justice field.**

Students gain knowledge in:

- Fundamental concepts of chemistry and biology as related to forensic investigation
- Documentation and oral description of crime scenes, physical evidence, and scientific processes
- Photographing crime scene evidence
- Collection, examination, comparison, and identification of fingerprints
- Collection of blood, trace, and fiber evidence
- Casting of shoe print impressions
- Assistance in identifying deceased individuals

**Graduates may pursue careers as:**

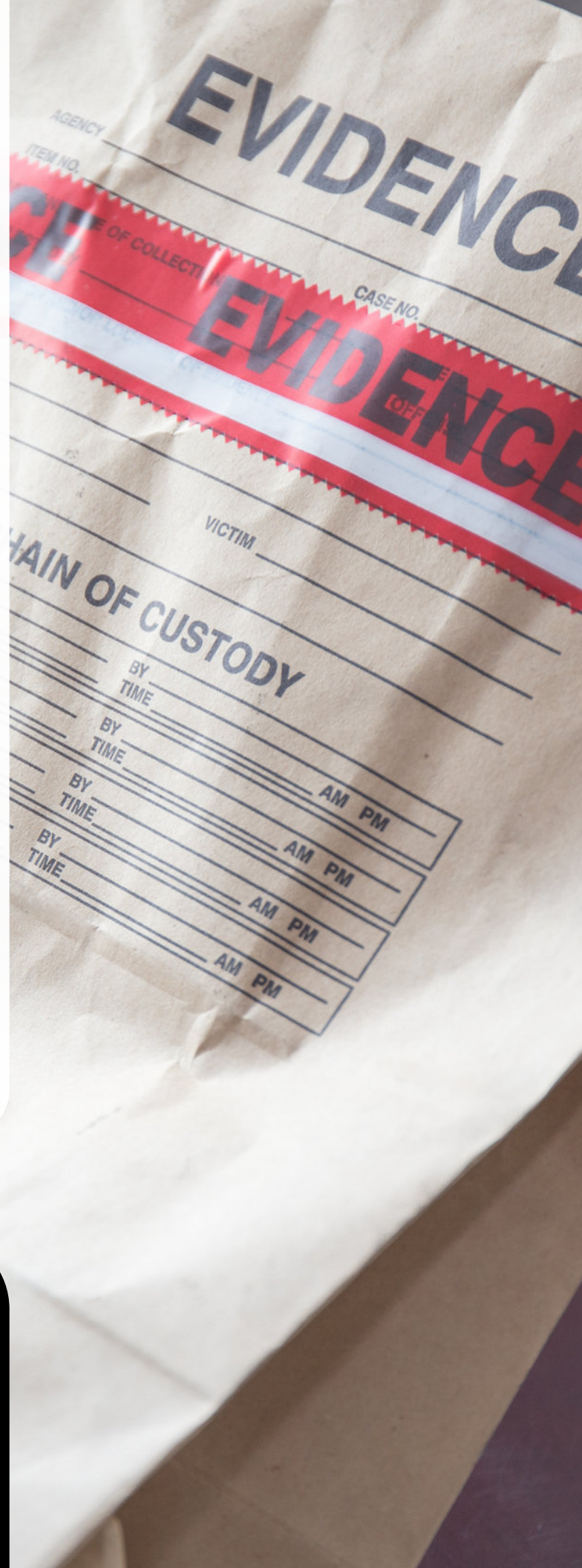
- **Detectives**
- **Deputy Sheriffs**
- **Criminal Investigators**
- **Crime Scene Photographers**
- **Crime Scene Technicians**

## Degree Requirements

Semester I		Credit Hours
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 122	Criminal Law	3
ENG ___*	Select one of the following:	3
	ENG 101 College Writing	3
	ENG 105 College Writing Seminar	(4)
MAT 122	College Algebra	3
CHY 121	General Chemistry I Lecture	3
CHY 122	General Chemistry I Lab	1
SSC 100	Public Service & Social Sciences Seminar	1
Semester II		
CRJ 212	Criminal Investigation and Report Writing	3
CRJ 250	Criminalistics	3
CHY 123	General Chemistry II Lecture	3
CHY 124	General Chemistry II Lab	1
___	Elective: Open	3
COM 100	Public Speaking	3
Semester III		
CRJ 231	Death Investigations	3
CRJ 201	Civil Liberties	3
BIO 131	Biology I Lecture	3
BIO 132	Biology I Lab	1
MAT 135*	Statistics	3
PHI ___	Any PHI course	3
Semester IV		
CRJ 275	Crime Scene Management	3
CRJ 227	Crime Scene Photography	3
BIO 133	Biology II Lecture	3
BIO 134	Biology II Lab	1
___	Elective: Humanities or Social Science	3

**Total Credit Hour Requirements** **62-63**

\*Placement determined by assessment test scores and/or prior college coursework



### Forensic Science Degree Prerequisites/Requirements:

All students taking Criminal Justice courses will be subject to a criminal background check. A criminal conviction will not automatically prevent a person from being accepted into the program. The applicant would be denied acceptance if they have a "disqualifying conviction" or committed "disqualifying conduct" as defined by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Such conviction / conduct prohibits a person from being certified / licensed as a police officer in the State of Maine.