

# GUIDE TO GRADUATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: Forensic Studies



UNIVERSITY OF  
**BALTIMORE**

College of Public Affairs

The mission of the **College of Public Affairs Advising Office** is to provide quality academic advisement that empowers students to develop and implement sound educational plans that are consistent with their personal values, goals and career plans. Our purpose is to guide students to become self-directed learners and decision-makers.

The **College of Public Affairs** is committed to providing the guidance and support you need to complete your program in a timely manner. This Guide to Graduation provides the in-depth information necessary to assist you in planning your undergraduate academic career. It contains contact information, important resources, a program checklist and a suggested four-year plan of study.

While this information will be helpful to you, you should also contact your academic adviser. Your adviser is there to assist you in planning your program plan of study and to answer your questions. All new students are required to meet with an adviser prior to registering for their first semester to receive a personalized program checklist.

UB recognizes that consistent and timely academic advising is strongly related to student success. To enhance the services we provide to our students and to increase the likeliness for success and on-time degree completion, UB implemented mandatory milestone advising for all new undergraduate students beginning in fall 2017.

Milestone advising will be anchored by three specific touch points and aligned with the personal, professional and academic goals of students at those points.

**45 Credits:** Advisers will work with students to further explore the declared major and connect students with support services, clubs and other campus groups to enhance the opportunity to be involved in the UB community.

**60 Credits:** Advisers will work with students to prepare for internships, Global Field Studies and other experiential learning opportunities. Students will also be re-introduced to the support services offered by the Career and Internship Center.

**90 Credits:** Advisers will focus on the final steps to graduation and the options for post-bachelor's degree completion. Students will learn more about the graduate degree programs at UB that fit with their goals.

Students must meet with their advisers to discuss their next steps for registration, course scheduling and other key academic topics before they register for classes. Advisers will release the milestone advising service indicator on students' accounts at the conclusion of the advising meetings.

Your academic adviser will assist you throughout your time at UB at any credit point; however, it is ultimately your responsibility to complete the degree requirements and acquaint yourself with the University's academic policies.

## CONTACT INFO:

**College of Public Affairs Advising**  
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[ubalt.edu/forensics](http://ubalt.edu/forensics)

## RESOURCES:

**Office of Records and Registration**  
[ubalt.edu/records](http://ubalt.edu/records)

**Office of Financial Aid**  
[ubalt.edu/financialaid](http://ubalt.edu/financialaid)

**Bursar's Office**  
[ubalt.edu/bursar](http://ubalt.edu/bursar)

**Achievement and Learning Center**  
[ubalt.edu/alc](http://ubalt.edu/alc)

**Career Center**  
[ubalt.edu/careercenter](http://ubalt.edu/careercenter)

**Call to schedule your advising  
appointment today!**

# B.S. IN FORENSIC STUDIES PROGRAM CHECKLIST

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Education Requirements – 38 credits

- Students entering in fall 2016 and later
- Upper-division courses are 300- or 400-level.
- Complete with a grade of C- or higher except where noted.
- [See course lists for each area.](#)

### > Arts and Humanities Area (AH, AHE) – 9 credits

Complete one course from two separate AH disciplines, and one upper-division Ethics (AHE) course.

	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
AH1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
AH2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
*AHE:	_____	_____	_____	_____

*\*upper division, C or better*

### > Social and Behavioral Sciences Area (SBS) – 6 credits

Complete one course from two separate SBS disciplines.

	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
SBS1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
SBS2:	_____	_____	_____	_____

### > Biological and Physical Sciences Area (BPS, BPSL) – 7 credits

Complete two courses, one of which must be a laboratory course.

	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
BPS:	_____	_____	_____	_____
BPSL:	_____	_____	_____	_____

### > Mathematics Area (MA) – 3 credits

Complete one course. Check your major requirements for recommendation. Note: placement required prior to registration.

- Complete Math Placement: RSVP at [ubalt.edu/placement](http://ubalt.edu/placement)

	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
MA:	_____	_____	_____	_____

**> English Composition Area (COMP, UCOMP) – 6 credits**

Complete two composition courses, one of which must be upper division. Note: placement required prior to registration.

Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
COMP: _____	_____	_____	_____
*UCOMP: _____ <i>*upper division, C or better</i>	_____	_____	_____

**> General Education Electives (ELECGE) – 7+ credits**

Complete as many general education courses as needed to reach 38-credit requirement.

Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
ELECGE: _____	_____	_____	_____
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Students with an A.A. or A.S. degree from a Maryland public institution only complete the AHE and UCOMP requirements.

**University of Baltimore Graduation Requirements**

- Students entering in fall 2017 and later
- For General Education GR courses, earn a grade of C- or higher.
- For GR courses within your academic program, follow the grade requirements of the program.
- Consult with your academic adviser on the best course selections for your program.
- [See lists of approved courses.](#)

Information Literacy (IL)	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
Technological Fluency (TF)	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
Oral Communication (OC)	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
Global Awareness and Diverse Perspectives (GD)	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
Capstone Experience	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
FSCS 482: Moot Court	_____	_____	_____

## B.S. in Forensic Studies—Forensic Science concentration – 54 credits

- Students entering in fall 2017 and later
- Complete with a grade of C or higher except where noted.

### > Core Program: four courses – 12 credits

Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
• FSCS 301: Forensic Science	_____	_____	_____
• FSCS 307: Crime Scene Investigation	_____	_____	_____
• FSCS 480: Forensic Documentation	_____	_____	_____
• FSCS 482: Moot Court	_____	_____	_____

### > Forensic Science Prerequisite Lab Science Courses—seven courses for 28 credits

Complete the following courses at an external institution with a 2.5 cumulative GPA or better and NO grade lower than a C. These courses must be completed before starting the science-sequence classes in this major (begins every fall semester).

Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
• BIOLOGY I	_____	_____	_____
• CHEMISTRY I	_____	_____	_____
• CHEMISTRY II	_____	_____	_____
• ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I	_____	_____	_____
• ORGANIC CHEMISTRY II	_____	_____	_____
• PHYSICS I	_____	_____	_____
• PHYSICS II	_____	_____	_____

### > Forensic Science Concentration Courses—nine courses for 34 credits

Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
• FSCS 400: Lab Safety and Quality Assurance	_____	_____	_____
• FSCS 403: Trace Evidence	_____	_____	_____
• FSCS 404: Arson Investigation and Glass Analysis	_____	_____	_____
• FSCS 405: Microscopy	_____	_____	_____
• FSCS 407: Instrumental Analysis	_____	_____	_____



## Forensic Science Concentration

Below is an example plan of study for the Forensic Studies program Forensic Science program. This is meant to act as a guide, but need not be followed in the same order for every student. Part-time students and those students transferring in credits from another university or college will need to adjust their plan accordingly. This plan does not account for courses taken during summer sessions. Students should consult with their adviser each semester prior to registration.

### Year 1

1st Semester (Fall)		2nd Semester (Spring)	
WRIT 100 OR MATH (100 or 115)	3	CC: CHEM II	4
WRIT 101 College Composition	3	CC: BIOL 1	4
IDIS 101 (first year seminar and GE elect)	3	CMAT 201 Communicating Effectively	3
Learning Community Course Arts and Humanities	3	Social and Behavioral GE: CRJU 200	3
CC: CHEM 1	4	MATH 115* (*required for major) or elective or elective	3
	<b>16</b>		<b>17</b>

### Year 2

3rd Semester (Fall)		4th Semester (Spring)	
WRIT 300 (or WRIT 200) (Upper Level GE – aim for B+)	3	CC: ORG CHEM II	4
FSCS 301	3	FSCS 307	3
CC: ORG CHEM I	4	Technological Fluency (recommend COSC 100 or INSS 100 GR and GE)	3
Social and Behavioral Science (non-CRJU)	3	Elective or WRIT 300 (if WRIT 200 was needed prior to WRIT 300)	3
MATH 115* (*required for major) or elective	3	Information Literacy	3
	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>
SUMMER/WINTER			
CC: Physics I	4		
	<b>4</b>		

### Year 3

5th Semester (Fall)		6th Semester (Spring)	
FSCS 400	4	FSCS 407	4
FSCS 405	4	FSCS 410	4
FSCS 480	3	FSCS Elective (Rec: FSCS 440)	3
Global Awareness GE Elective	3	Elective	3
IDIS 302 (Upper level GE)	3	Elective	3
	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>
SUMMER/WINTER			
CC: Physics II	4		
	<b>4</b>		

### Year 4

7th Semester (Fall)		8th Semester (Spring)	
FSCS 403	4	FSCS 482 (Capstone)	3
FSCS 404	4	FSCS Elective (Rec: FSCS 460)	3
FSCS 409	4	FSCS 487 Internship (if summer isn't available)	3
FSCS Elective	3	FSCS 456	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>18</b>		<b>15</b>

Total  
**140**

75

65

CC=Community college