2013-14 Update

FEPAC Accreditation Awarded

In February 2013, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences voted to re-accredit the School of Forensic Sciences at the annual AAFS Conference. The decision followed a thorough review by AAFS examiners from the Forensic Education Program Accreditation Commission. FEPAC accreditation reflects attainment of AAFS standards for quality, rigor, and professionalism in college and university programs.

Examiners reviewed the full master’s program but focused on the forensic biology and forensic toxicology tracks, the only two areas that FEPAC currently accredits. The OSU Forensic Sciences program was among the first 8 graduate programs accredited by FEPAC and is now one of 20 graduate programs with this distinction.

Bomb Expert on Board for IMPEX

John Frucci was named Training Director for the OSU Center for Improvised Explosives Research and Training, or IMPEX, in March 2013. He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Rutgers University and completed both an M.S. and an E.D.S. in education administration at Seton Hall University.

Before moving to Tulsa, Mr. Frucci spent 20 years with the Essex County (NJ) Sheriff’s Office in Newark where he served as a detective, fire explosion investigator, and bomb technician. Notably, he led the 7-year arson-homicide investigation of the January 2000 Seton Hall University fire that killed 3 students and injured 58. For his work on that case, he received the Investigator of the Year Award by the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Required Compliance and Training

Research involving human subjects or human tissue is subject to review by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Before starting such research, students must contact Amber Hood, CHS Manager of Research Compliance, about any training, exemption, or review that may be required.

All master’s students must complete:

- Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research, a one-time training required in the first semester of graduate study
- Seminar or Continuing Education training totaling 16 actual hours over the term of the degree program, required for all master’s students admitted in fall 2012 or later

Thesis students in campus labs must have:

- Lab Safety Training, required once during a student’s research time on campus
- Bloodborne Pathogens Training, required annually during thesis research

Any M.S.F.S student should ask the advisor about requirements for:

- Training required for the laboratory or field setting used for research
- Specialized training for the research area

Health Insurance

Students on campus must have health insurance. Graduate assistants should check with the Student Affairs Office to see if health insurance is a provided benefit.

2013-14 Tuition and Fees

Tuition has increased for Oklahoma students as well as non-residents. The fee for library automation has risen to $5 per credit hour, but all other fees remained the same.

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OR for 6 hours or less per semester $  7.00
Fall 2013 Class Times Confirmed

Mondays:
- FRNS 5990-004 Forensic Osteology & Anthropology, CHS E-393/378
  5:30-7:30 PM
- FRNS 5523 Forensic Toxicology, online, 6:00-7:00 PM
- FRNS 5713 Forensic Psychology, online, 6:00-7:00 PM
- FRNS 5733 Forensic Victimology, online, 7:15-8:15 PM

Tuesdays:
- FRNS 5063 Ethical Research and Scientific Writing, online,
  6:00-7:00 PM
- FRNS 5023 Forensic Examination of Questioned Docs, online,
  7:30-8:30 PM

Wednesdays:
- FRNS 5073 Quality Assurance in Forensic Sciences, online,
  6:00-7:00 PM
- FRNS 5990-003 Criminal Profiling, OSU-Tulsa NCB 261,
  7:20-10:00PM
- FRNS 5213 Molecular Biology for the Forensic Scientist, online,
  8:00-9:00

Thursdays:
- FRNS 5013 Survey of Forensic Sciences, online,
  6:00-7:00 PM
- FRNS 5323 Forensic Microbiology, online,
  7:15-8:15 PM

By arrangement with instructor:
- FRNS 5282 Methods in Forensic Sciences, CHS 3rd floor labs and classrooms
- FRNS 5543 Advanced Forensic Toxicology, online

New Courses

New special topics courses
- FRNS 5990-004 Forensic Osteology & Anthropology, offered on campus in the fall, is required for the Death Scene Investigation track but also open as an elective and for non-program enrollment.
- FRNS 5990-602 Forensic Problem-solving through Applied Research is an online summer course as an created as a potential elective for the psychology track and for the FDE and administrative options.

Courses becoming permanent in 2013
- FRNS 5733 Forensic Victimology is a fall elective and mainly useful for the psychology and administrative tracks.
- FRNS 5743 Seminar in Forensic Psychology is a course that provides theoretical studies for subspecialties within the psychology track.

Upgrades for Online Courses

OSU's online classroom features the new D2L Version 10 starting August 3. The online classroom will remain offline from July 31-August 2 for the installation. Version 10 offers a more streamlined screen but retains the same functions as the previous version. A significant change in the discussion area allows instructors to require an initial post before other forum messages become visible to a student.

Fall classes with online class meetings will also feature an upgrade to Blackboard Collaborate 12.5. The change eliminates audio feedback and therefore the need for headset microphones for students with Webcams or a built-in computer mike. Collaborate 12.5 also allows mobile-device access via Androids as well as iPads and iPhones.

Spring/Summer 2014 Classes

FRNS if prefix if not shown; *means online course.

Spring 2014
- 5000 Research and Thesis
- 5083 Ethics in Forensic Leadership*
- 5242 Population Genetics
- 5413 Forensic Pathology and Medicine*
- 5513 Forensic Bioscience*
- 5613 Criminalistics and Evidence Analysis*
- 5622 Advanced Criminalistics
- 5653 The Law and Expert Evidence*
- BIOM 5013 Medical Biostatistics

Summer 2014
- 5000 Research and Thesis
- 5990 Problem Solving /Applied Research*
- HCA 5023 Human Resources in Health Care and Public Administration*

Continuing Ed News

Sri Lanka’s Government Analysts Lab has sent two groups to OSU-CHS for 3-week training sessions in our DNA labs, in August 2012 and again in May/June 2013.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/SANE course offered through the OSU School of Forensic Sciences and the SANE program for the Tulsa Police Department, started in 2009, continues to train nurse examiners An Intimate Partner Violence/IPV was added in May 2013. TPD SANE Director Kathy Bell teaches the course.

SFS Alumni

Our alumni serve as criminalists, research technicians, quality managers, analysts, law enforcement officers, forensic document examiners, instructors, and researchers. Alumni serve in government agencies, colleges and universities, and commercial labs. Employers include the Tulsa Police Department, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Orange County (CA) Sheriff’s Department, Texas Rangers, and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Alumni in U.S. government positions are with the Armed Services, the Department of Treasury, the Defense Forensic Science Center, and the Centers for Disease Control.

New alumni graduating in 2012-2013 are Ivy Rabe (Dec), Owen McDonnell and Tammi Sligh (May), and Fernanda Henry and Lindsey Hollaway-Yoder (July).