

FORENSIC SCIENCE

Forensic Science majors learn to uncover the details that are key to solving criminal and civil cases. At RWU, you will gain the strong writing, observational, and analytical skills necessary to identify and interpret evidence that aids other law personnel.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Learn and Do More at RWU

RWU faculty are in tune with the background knowledge and skills our graduates need to enter the workforce. Forensic Science electives are taught by forensic scientists, medical doctors, and other professionals who work in the industry. RWU faculty connect students with internships and jobs in their field of study.



- + Do you want to be a part of an exciting, in-demand, rapidly developing and growing field?
- + Do you have a desire to learn how to analyze fingerprints, handwriting, DNA and blood samples?
- + Have you ever dreamed of working in a crime lab?

CAREER OUTLOOK

RWU Forensic Science alumni are working as:

- Forensic Scientists
- Lab Technicians
- Lab Analysts
- Junior Forensic Examiners
- Lab Assistants

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

“There are no better people to learn from than those that are out in the field doing exactly what you want to do. [RWU’s] program has pulled in some really great people to help get our foot in the door.”

Rebecca Millard '18,
Graduate student at Boston University
School of Medicine for Biomedical
Forensic Science

Get a Great Internship

Inside the classroom, students get hands-on experience with analyzing fingerprints, castings, and handwriting.

Once you step outside the classroom and into your internship, you get to bring that knowledge into the lab. Through these internships, you work alongside industry professionals, attend lectures, learn procedures, and help to prepare evidence for potential trials.

Our students have interned at:

- RI State Crime Lab
- MA State Crime Lab
- RI State Police Department
- RI State Medical Examiner
- MA State Police Forensics
- U.S. Probation, District of RI



**OVER 80% OF
RWU STUDENTS
GRADUATE WITH
MORE THAN JUST
A SINGLE MAJOR**

RWU students have paired
Forensic Science with:

- Criminal justice
- Psychology
- Modern languages
- Anthropology + sociology

CURRICULUM

Structure

Forensic Science at RWU is an interdisciplinary degree giving students a strong background in both science and criminal justice. There is an increasing demand for employment in the industry and our program allows students to step right into the field after graduation.

Within the RWU program, you can choose between a biology-focused track or a chemistry-focused track. All students, regardless of the track they choose, take a biology, chemistry, physics, and Forensic Science lab course. In addition, all students will take criminal justice courses like Law of Evidence, Criminal Investigations, and Criminal and Civil Procedure in the U.S. Courts.

Our Forensic Science students are encouraged to pursue their master's degree. However, students can enter the field at an entry-level position to gain field experience before continuing their studies.

DEGREE TRACKS

Biology Track

Students who enter the biology track have an interest in doing more crime scene and data collection. They will be prepared for careers as DNA analysts or fingerprint examiners. They inspect evidence like saliva, blood, and bodily fluids and work with police to solve crimes.

Chemistry Track

The chemistry track is for students interested in doing more intensive and analytical lab work. They are prepared for careers as a lab analyst or toxicologist. They analyze collected evidence such as weapons, projectiles, and drug samples.

