

# Criminalistics Certificate

Advances in technology have provided additional tools to aid in the detection and investigation of criminal activity. As a result, there is an increasing demand for personnel who understand these aspects of criminal investigation. The Department of Criminal Justice, in cooperation with the College of Arts & Sciences, has developed this certificate to meet this demand. Criminalistics provides students with an understanding of the principles involved in the recognition, collection, preservation and analysis of physical evidence.

The Certificate in Criminalistics from the University of North Texas is a 15-hour certificate program designed primarily for students planning careers as criminal justice professionals or students pursuing careers requiring knowledge of criminal justice issues. These careers include law and journalism. The certificate will enable students to understand the application of the field of criminalistics to their professions and to thereby enhance their professional work.

This certificate is designed primarily for students planning careers in:

- Criminal Justice
- Law
- Journalism

## CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

### Required Courses (9 Hours)

CJUS 3330 Introduction to Criminalistics      BIOL 3331 Forensic Biology  
CJUS 4360 Criminal Investigation

### Advanced Criminalistics (3 Hours - Choose one of the Following Courses)\*

CJUS 4370 Advanced Criminalistics I      CJUS 4380 Advanced Criminalistics II

### Elective Course (3 Hours - Choose one of the Following Courses)

CJUS 4370 Advanced Criminalistics I      CJUS 4380 Advanced Criminalistics II  
CJUS 3340 Computer Crime

Other 3-hour upper-level courses related to criminalistics as approved by the Criminal Justice Criminalistics Coordinator.

\* Students must complete at least one of the Advanced Criminalistics Courses, CJUS 4370 & CJUS 4380 for the certificate. The remaining Advanced Criminalistics class may then be taken as the certificate's elective course.