Program Description

The BS in computational forensics is a multidisciplinary degree program that encompasses areas of physical, biological and social sciences with an additional focus on statistics and computation.

Students investigate specific forensic problems using statistics, computing and mathematics with the main goal of advancing their forensic science knowledge and capabilities. Students study and develop the quantitative and computational methods that assist basic and applied research efforts in forensic science, establish or prove scientific basis in investigative procedures, and support forensic examiner casework. Through modeling, computer simulations and computer-based analysis and recognition, students gain an in-depth understanding of the forensic science discipline, the scientific method and the systematic approach to forensic science.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of the WUE program.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** West campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 270 - Calculus w/Analytic Geometry I
- **Math Intensity:** Substantial

Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map

Major Map (Archives)
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Computational forensic students can study abroad and gain skills employers demand like leadership, communication and critical thinking skills. Students can earn credits in their major while being immersed in another culture and broadening their horizons. With over 250 programs worldwide, students can study in Canada, Australia, India or many other countries. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu

Career Opportunities

The demand for forensic scientists is increasing according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. With computation and statistics driving many technological advances, this interdisciplinary degree program prepares students for employment in a range of jobs or to continue on to advanced study of quantitative programs in graduate school.
Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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