Computational Forensics, BS

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 in the computational forensics program 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.

At a Glance

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

Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map

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://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.

**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 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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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Biostatistician</td>
<td>33.8%</td>
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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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