



Course Approval Form

For instructions:
<http://registrar.gmu.edu/facultystaff/catalog-revisions/course/>

Action Requested:

 (definitions available at website above)

- Create NEW Inactivate
 Modify (check all that apply below)

Course Level:

- Undergraduate Graduate

- Title (must be 75% similar to original) Repeat Status
 Credits Schedule Type Prereq/coreq Grade Mode
 Restrictions Other: Description and Hours

College/School: College of Science Department: Forensic Science Program
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Subject Code: FRSC Number: 405 Effective Term: Fall Spring Summer
 (Do not list multiple codes or numbers. Each course proposal must have a separate form.) Year 2017

Title: Current Independent Studies/Research Fulfills Mason Core Req? (undergrad only)
 Banner (30 characters max w/ spaces) Independent Studies/Research Currently fulfills requirement
 New Independent Research Methods Submission in progress

Credits: (check one) Fixed → Variable → Lec + Lab/Rct → Repeat Status: (check one) Not Repeatable (NR) Repeatable within degree (RD) → Repeatable within term (RT) → Max credits allowed:
 to 0 or

Grade Mode: (check one) Regular (A, B, C, etc.) Satisfactory/No Credit Special (A, B, C, etc. +IP)
 Schedule Type: (check one) Lecture (LEC) Lab (LAB) Recitation (RCT) Internship (INT) Independent Study (IND) Seminar (SEM) Studio (STU)
LEC can include LAB or RCT if linked sections will be offered

Prerequisite(s) (NOTE: hard-coding requires separate Prereq Checking form; see above website):
Completion of 90 credits or permission of instructor
Open only to forensic science majors Corequisite(s):

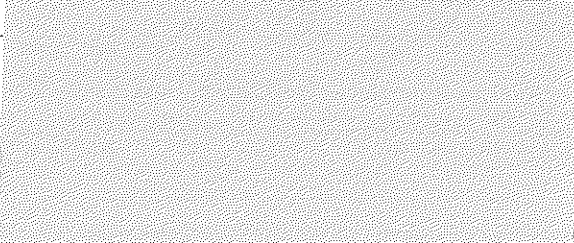
Restrictions Enforced by System: Major, College, Degree, Program, etc. Include Code(s).
SC-BS-FRSC students only Equivalencies (check only as applicable):
 YES, course is 100% equivalent to _____
 YES, course renumbered to or replaces _____

Catalog Copy

 (Consult University Catalog for models)

Description (No more than 60 words, use verb phrases and present tense) This course is designed to allow students to complete an approved independent forensic science research project under the guidance of a faculty mentor. A formal research proposal will be prepared and submitted. In addition to conferring with the instructor regularly regarding the process of their research, students will also be introduced to research and writing methods throughout the course.	Notes (List additional information for the course)
Indicate number of contact hours: Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: <u>1</u> Hours of Lab or Studio: <input type="checkbox"/> When Offered: (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring	

Approval Signatures

 7-2016 College/School Approval Date

by any other units, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by mission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

UGC or GC Council Member Provost's Office UGC or GC Approval Date

Course Proposal Submitted to the College of Science Curriculum Committee (COSCC)

The form above is processed by the Office of the University Registrar. This second page is for the COSCC's reference. Please complete the applicable portions of this page to clearly communicate what the form above is requesting.

FOR ALL COURSES (required)

Course Number and Title: FRSC 405- Independent Research Methods

Date of Departmental Approval: September 8th 2016

FOR MODIFIED COURSES (required if modifying a course)

- **Summary of the Modification:** The course title and description have been modified to contain more specific information for the course curriculum instead of the original generic wording. The pre-requisite was also modified to remove "Admission to the Forensic Science Program" and instead include "Open only to forensic science majors". And, one hour of contact time (lecture) was added to the course.

- **Text before Modification (title, repeat status, catalog description, etc.):**

FRSC 405 - Independent Studies / Research

Credits: 3

Not Repeatable for Credit

Offered by Forensic Science Program

Creative projects, including research and design, which are supervised on an individual basis and which fall outside the scope of formal courses.

Prerequisite(s): Admitted to Forensic Science Program and 90 hours, or permission of instructor.

- **Text after Modification (title, repeat status, catalog description, etc.):**

FRSC 405-Independent Research Methods

Credits: 3

Not Repeatable for Credit

Offered by Forensic Science Program

This course is designed to allow students to complete an approved independent forensic science research project under the guidance of a faculty mentor. A formal research proposal will be prepared and submitted. In addition to conferring with the instructor regularly regarding the process of their research, students will also be introduced to research and writing methods throughout the course.

Pre-requisite: Completion of 90 credits or permission of instructor; Open only to forensic science majors

- **Reason for the Modification:** Students were confused about the course requirements and curriculum for this major requirement. Modifications of the title and description have been proposed with more specific information and the pre-requisite was modified to eliminate erroneous information and specify that this course is available only to forensic science majors. The addition of one hour of contact time was established to facilitate a designated time each week in which the faculty coordinator could meet with the students to discuss research methods and to track student's progress.