



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: _____

College/School: College of Science Department: Forensic Science Program
Submitted by: Kimberly Rule Ext: 35338 Email: kcarisi@gmu.edu

Subject Code: FRSC Number: 499 Effective Term: Fall Spring Summer
(Do not list multiple codes or numbers. Each course proposal must have a separate form.) Year 2017

Title: Current _____
Banner (30 characters max w/ spaces) Comprehensive Examination
New Comprehensive Examination
Fulfills Mason Core Req? (undergrad only)
 Currently fulfills requirement
 Submission in progress

Credits: (check one) Fixed → Variable → Lec + Lab/Rct →
Repeat Status: (check one) Not Repeatable (NR) Repeatable within degree (RD) → Max credits allowed:
 Repeatable within term (RT) → (required for RT/RD status only)

Grade Mode: (check one) Regular (A, B, C, etc.) Satisfactory/No Credit Special (A, B, C, etc. +IP)
Schedule Type: (check one) Lecture (LEC) Independent Study (IND)
 Lab (LAB) Seminar (SEM)
 Recitation (RCT) Studio (STU)
 Internship (INT)
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):
FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 302, and FRSC 303
Open only to forensic science majors.
Corequisite(s):
FRSC 304, FRSC 401, and FRSC 460

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) The comprehensive examination ensures that the student is prepared to engage in an entry level forensic profession, in advanced forensic training or a graduate program. Students are required to pass this examination prior to graduation.	Notes (List additional information for the course)
Indicate number of contact hours: Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: <u>0</u> Hours of Lab or Studio: <u>0</u> When Offered: (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring	

Approval Signatures

[Signature] 10-7-2017
College/School Approval Date

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

Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

Graduate Council Approval

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 499- Comprehensive Examination

Date of Departmental Approval: September 8th 2016

FOR NEW COURSES (required if creating a new course)

- Reason for the New Course: In preparation for the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) accreditation through the American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS), our program is required to implement an evaluation method of the success with regard to student achievement. A "forensic science standardized test" is an option to satisfy this accreditation requirement. Our program feels that a comprehensive examination would be the most efficient way to demonstrate the student's success and academic achievement, and is feasible for the faculty coordinator.
 - Relationship to Existing Programs: This exam will culminate the student's Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science degree.
 - Relationship to Existing Courses: This exam will contain topics from all the other FRSC courses.
 - Semester of Initial Offering: Fall 2017
 - Proposed Instructors: Prof. Kimberly Rule
 - Insert Tentative Syllabus Below
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GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
FRSC 499- Comprehensive Examination (0 credits)
Fall 2017

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Pre-Requisites: FRSC 200, FRSC 201, FRSC 302, and FRSC 303; Open only to Forensic Science majors.

Co-Requisites: FRSC 304, FRSC 401, FRSC 460

Course Objectives: This exam will culminate the student's degree and contain topics from all the other FRSC courses. Students must have completed FRSC 200, 201, 302, and 303. Students must either be concurrently completing or have previously completed FRSC 304, 401, and 460. A satisfactory grade is required for graduation. The exam will consist of a multiple choice, matching, true/false, fill in the blank Scranton test.

Supplies: Students are required to bring a Scantron and pencil to each exam.

Study Guide:

Students will be provided with a Study Guide of recommended areas and topics to review in preparation for the exam. The Study Guide is designed to be self-paced and will be available on Blackboard.

Testing Times and Location:

The exam will be offered twice each semester. Students are encouraged to take the exam at the first offering, if students do not pass the exam on the first offering, they may attempt again at the second offering. Students who do not pass the second offering will need to register for the course the next semester. Students are required to show their GMU ID prior to turning in their exam; failure to show ID will result in 'No Credit'.

The first offering will be on XXXX at XXXX pm located at XXXX.

The second offering will be on XXXX at XXXX pm located at XXXX.

Grading:

75 % or higher	Satisfactory
74 % or lower	No Credit

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

GMU Honor Code:

Standards of academic integrity as set forth by the University are strictly observed and rigorously enforced in this class. The complete Honor Code is as follows: *To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this honor code: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.*

GMU Email: <http://masonlive.gmu.edu>

Each student is responsible for activating their GMU email account and checking their account on a regular basis for University and class announcements. All masonlive accounts must be activated.

GMU Police Policy: 703-993-2810

If you are currently employed with a law enforcement agency as a sworn officer and would like to carry a firearm on campus and into class, you must contact GMU Police Department as a courtesy.

GMU Students with Disabilities: <http://ods.gmu.edu>

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Resources at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office, your instructor is not obligated to provide accommodations without documentation from ODS.

Writing Center: <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu>

For general questions and comments please contact wcenter@gmu.edu or call:

703-993-1200 (Robinson Hall A114, Fairfax Campus)

703-993-1824 (Enterprise Hall 076, Fairfax Campus)

All appointments are made through the online scheduling system so please **do not** email or call to schedule appointments. If you would like to cancel an appointment you may do so via the online scheduler, simply select your appointment and click the "Cancel appointment" box at the bottom of the reservation form and then "save."

University Libraries: "Ask a Librarian" <http://library.gmu.edu/mudge/IM/IMRef.html>

Margaret Lam, Physical Sciences Liaison Librarian; <http://infoguides.gmu.edu/forensics>

Fenwick Library, A244

703-993-2212

mlam3@gmu.edu

Counseling and Psychology Services (CAPS): (703) 993-2380; <http://caps.gmu.edu>

University Policies:

The University Catalog, <http://catalog.gmu.edu>, is the central resource for university policies affecting student, faculty, and staff conduct in university academic affairs. Other policies are available at <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/>. All members of the university community are responsible for knowing and following established policies.