

# Course Change Request

## New Course Proposal

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Viewing: **FRSC 699 : Comprehensive Examination**

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Changes proposed by: kcarisi

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

No

Effective Term: Fall 2020

Subject Code: FRSC - Forensic Science

Course Number:  
699

Bundled Courses:

Is this course replacing another course? No

Equivalent Courses:

Catalog Title: Comprehensive Examination

Banner Title: Comprehensive Examination

Will section titles vary by semester? No

Credits: 0

Schedule Type: Independent Study

### In Workflow

1. **FRSC Representative**
2. **SC Curriculum Committee**
3. SC Associate Dean
4. Assoc Provost-Graduate
5. Registrar-Courses
6. Banner

### Approval Path

1. 10/06/19 2:27 pm  
Emily Rancourt  
(erancour):  
Approved for FRSC Representative

Hours of Other Contact Hours per week: 0

Repeatable: May be repeated within degree (RD)

Max Allowable Credits:

99

Default Grade Mode: Satisfactory/No Credit

Recommended Prerequisite(s):

Recommended Corequisite(s):

Required Prerequisite(s) / Corequisite(s) (Updates only):

A Minimum grade of B- or higher in FRSC 500, FRSC 510, and FRSC 530

Registrar's Office Use Only - Required Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):

And/Or	(	Course/Test Code	Min Grade/Score	Academic Level	)	Concurrency?

Registration Restrictions (Updates only):

Registrar's Office Use Only - Registration Restrictions:

Field(s) of Study:

Class(es):

Level(s):

Degree(s):

School(s):

Catalog Description:

The comprehensive examination ensures that the student is prepared to engage in a forensic profession. Students are required to pass this examination prior to graduation.

**Justification:**

For students in the Crime Scene Investigations and Forensic/Biometric Identity Analysis concentrations of the MS Forensic Science Program in which a laboratory research component is not required for their future profession, this will be an alternative to the graduate students in those two concentrations who do not choose to conduct a laboratory research project.

**Does this course cover material which crosses into another department?** No

**Learning Outcomes:**

Students will demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the forensic science curriculum.

**Attach Syllabus**

[FRSC 699 Syllabus.pdf](#)

**Additional Attachments**

**Staffing:**

Emily Rancourt

**Relationship to Existing Programs:**

The Comprehensive Exam will be required prior to graduation for the Non Research Project Option for the Crime Scene Investigations and Forensic/Biometric Identity Analysis concentrations in the MS Forensic Science Program.

**Relationship to Existing Courses:**

Students will be expected to have retained thorough knowledge of their coursework.

**Additional Comments:**

**Reviewer Comments**



**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**  
**FRSC 699- Comprehensive Examination (0 credits)**  
**Fall 2020**

**Instructor:** Professor Emily Rancourt, Assistant Professor of Forensic Science  
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**Pre- Requisites:** FRSC 500, FRSC 510, and FRSC 530

**Course Objectives:** This exam will culminate the student's degree and contain topics from the other required FRSC courses: FRSC 500, 510, 530. Students must have completed FRSC 500, 510, 530. 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 from XXXX located at XXXX.  
The second offering will be on XXXX from XXXX located at XXXX.

**Grading:**

80 % or higher	Satisfactory
79 % 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.