

# Course Change Request

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**Select modification type:**

**Substantial**

## In Workflow

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## Approval Path

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## History

1. Dec 3, 2019 by  
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**Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?**

**Yes** ~~No~~

**Requestor:**

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**Effective Term:** Spring 2021

**Subject Code:** FRSC - Forensic Science

**Course Number:** 418

**Bundled Courses:**

Is this course replacing another course? No

**Equivalent Courses:**

Catalog Title: Analytical Thinking and Violent Crime Profiling

Banner Title: Analytical Criminal Profiling

Will section titles vary by semester? No

Credits: 3

Schedule Type: Lecture

Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: 3

Repeatable: May be only taken once for credit, limited to 3 attempts (N3) **Max Allowable Credits:**  
9

Default Grade Mode: Undergraduate Regular

Recommended Prerequisite(s):

~~60 credit hours or permission of instructor~~

Recommended Corequisite(s):

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

**Permission of Instructor. Eligibility for registration will be determined by the following: a minimum of 30 credits completed in the Natural Sciences Core and 19 credits completed in the Forensic Science Core. Student shall have consistent high achieving marks in the major with a minimum of a 3.4 major GPA.**

~~Minimum grade of C in FRSC 200 and FRSC 201~~

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

And/Or	(	Course/Test Code	Min Grade/Score	Academic Level	)	Concurrency?
		FRSC 200	C	UG		
And		FRSC 201	C	UG		

**Registration****Restrictions****(Updates only):****SC- BS- FRSC (Forensic Science) majors only****Registrar's Office Use Only - Registration Restrictions:****Field(s) of Study:****Class(es):****Level(s):****Degree(s):****School(s):****Catalog****Description:**

This is a course on Analytical Thinking in the context of Criminal Investigative Analysis (CIA) from a forensic, and behavioral perspective. CIA is commonly referred to as Profiling. CIA is the behavioral interpretation of a violent crime scene, or series of scenes through the lens of multiple crime scene behaviors. During the course, concepts of Criminal Investigative Analysis will be discussed including such topics: victimology, offender risk Level, method of victim access, crime scene planning, the presence and absence of forensic evidence, offender motivation, body disposal, anthropological perspectives etc. Subject matter experts will make presentations on a variety of topics relevant to CIA. A wide variety of cases will be discussed including, both criminal and terrorism cases, and current cases that are being discussed in the media.

**Justification:**

Justification (What has been proposed?): The Forensic Science Program is proposing a modification to the current pre-requisites for FRSC 418 Analytical Thinking and Violent Crime Profiling which currently require FRSC 200 and 201 with a recommended of 60 credits or POI. The proposed pre-requisite will require POI with the following information: "Eligibility for registration will be determined by the following: a minimum of 30 credits completed in the Natural Sciences Core and 19 credits completed in the Forensic Science Core. Student shall have consistent high achieving marks in the major with a minimum of a 3.4 major GPA." Additionally, the course will be limited to Forensic Science majors only.

Justification (Why is this proposal necessary?): The modified pre-requisites specify the eligibility criteria for this course which is an advanced capstone style course with an emphasis in critical thinking. These modified pre-requisites will ensure that students are prepared for the advanced nature of the course. Due to the structure of this course, it has limited capacity and therefore will be restricted to Forensic Science majors only.

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

**Learning Outcomes:**

Students will learn how to think in a different way – analytically/critically. Students will learn how to break down a case into manageable segments, analyze those segments as a “totality of the circumstances, and then provide an informed opinion about the crime.

Students will be evaluated on their progression of becoming better thinkers in science and in their life as a whole. Keep in mind, just because students are scientists, does not mean they are natural, analytical thinkers.

Students will be expected to practice their new thinking skills both inside and outside of the classroom.

Students will be expected to write and speak analytically throughout this course, as well – all of which will be the basis for their final grade.

**Attach Syllabus**

[FRSC-418.pdf](#)

[FRSC 418 Analytical Thinking and Violent Crime Profiling Syllabus.pdf](#)

**Additional Attachments**

**Specialized Course Categories:**

**Additional Comments:****Reviewer Comments**

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