



### Required Coursework for Admission

Transfer Applicants with less than 65 hours must have the following courses complete at the time of application:

- At least 2 of:
  - CHEM 119
  - BIOL 111
  - BIOL 112
- 1 MATH CBK course (see chart below)
- At least 1 other CBK course (see chart below)
- 2.5 GPA Overall

Transfer Applicants with > 65 hours are held to the above minimum requirements but are strongly encouraged to be “CBK complete” at the time of their application to facilitate a timely graduation. Students must be CBK complete prior to enrolling in the upper-level portion of their FIVS curriculum; the upper-level FIVS curriculum is a fixed, lock-step two-year progression that cannot be accelerated.

### Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) Coursework

| Course Name       | Hrs. | TCCNS     | TAMU                                       |
|-------------------|------|-----------|--|
| Business Math I   | 3    | MATH 1324 | MATH 140/141 or MATH 151                   |
| Business Math II  | 3    | MATH 1325 | MATH 142 or PHIL 240 or MATH 152           |
| Chemistry I       | 4    | CHEM 1411 | CHEM 119                                   |
| Biology I         | 4    | BIOL 1406 | BIOL 111                                   |
| Biology II        | 4    | BIOL 1407 | BIOL 112                                   |
| Organic Chemistry | 4    | N/A       | CHEM 222 <b>or</b> CHEM 257 (formerly 227) |

- Courses listed must be completed with a **C or better**.
- Students may have to complete College Algebra (MATH 1314) at their institution before taking MATH 1324 or 1325. College Algebra is a transferable course but **will not** satisfy the Mathematics requirements in this degree plan, but will count toward the total credit hours.

### Coursework Timeline

- Competitive applicants will have the required coursework completed by the application deadline.
  - Applicants to the fall term **may be** asked to submit spring final grades before their applications are evaluated; holding applications for final spring grades is not a guarantee.
  - Summer coursework **will not** be considered for summer/fall applicants.
  - Fall coursework **will not** be considered for spring applicants.
  - Applicants to the spring term should have the recommended or required coursework completed by the end of Summer II semester **before** applying.

### Additional Information

- All required courses must be completed at the time of application.
- 2.5 GPA on all required or recommended coursework with no grade of D, F, or U accepted.
- The FIVS program **DOES NOT** participate in the PSA or PTA programs offered through TAMU.
- Contacting an academic advisor in this department is strongly recommended prior to application.
- Please indicate whether you are interested in our Science Emphasis or our Law Emphasis in your application essay to ensure your application is being evaluated against the appropriate minimum guidelines.

The recommendations below represent what a typical TAMU FIVS-LWE student's schedule looks like during the first four semesters. If working to complete an associate degree before transferring, please align your degree plan to satisfy TAMU degree requirements. The following semester schedules are simply an example, but they show the necessary completion of all CBK courses prior to enrolling in the upper level portion of the FIVS program, which typically occurs during a student's fall semester of their junior year.



## Forensic & Investigative Science – Law

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## 2024-2025 Transfer Course Sheet

Minimum GPA | 2.5

Minimum Transferable Hours | 24

Second-Choice Major Eligible | Yes

### First Year

#### FALL SEMESTER

| TCCNS                    | TAMU   | Course Name                                  | Hrs.      |
|--------------------------|--|--|-----------|
| BIOL 1406<br>(1306/1106) | BIOL 111   | Biology I                                    | 4         |
|                          | <a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a> | Communication                                | 3         |
| MATH 1324                | MATH<br>140/141 or<br>151                        | Business Math I                              | 3         |
| NTRNS                    | FIVS 205   | Intr. To Forensic &<br>Investigative Science | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>             |  |  | <b>13</b> |

#### SPRING SEMESTER

| TCCNS                    | TAMU   | Course Name      | Hrs.      |
|--------------------------|--|------------------|-----------|
| BIOL 1407<br>(1307/1107) | BIOL 112   | Biology II       | 4         |
|                          | <a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a> | Creative Arts    | 3         |
| MATH 1325                | MATH 142 or<br>152, PHIL 240                     | Business Math II | 3         |
|                          | <a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a> | Communication    | 3         |
|                          | <a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a> | American History | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>             |  |                  | <b>16</b> |

### Second Year

#### FALL SEMESTER

| TCCNS                    | TAMU   | Course Name                 | Hrs.      |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------|
| NTRNS                    | FIVS 215   | Forensic Microscopy         | 2         |
| CHEM 1411<br>(1311/1111) | CHEM 119   | Chemistry I                 | 4         |
| NTRNS                    | FIVS 210   | Forensic Photography        | 2         |
| GOVT 2305                | POLS 206   | Federal Government          | 3         |
|                          | <a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a> | Social & Behavioral Science | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>             |  |                             | <b>14</b> |

#### SPRING SEMESTER

| TCCNS        | TAMU   | Course Name                       | Hrs.      |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| CHEM 2323    | CHEM 222   | Organic Chemistry                 | 4         |
| NTRNS        | FIVS 220   | Impression Evidence               | 2         |
| GOVT 2306    | POLS 207   | State and Local<br>Government     | 3         |
|              | <a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a> | American History                  | 3         |
|              | <a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a> | Language, Philosophy &<br>Culture | 3         |
| <b>Total</b> |  |                                   | <b>16</b> |

Transfer applicants are encouraged to complete University Core Curriculum coursework found in the Undergraduate Catalog at Texas A&M University.

Consider taking courses that fulfill the 3 hours of [International and Cultural Diversity requirement](#) and 3 hours of [Cultural Discourse course requirement](#) when completing the Social and Behavioral Sciences, free electives and Creative Arts requirements.

For further information, please refer to the Forensics and Investigative Sciences transfer information website at <https://entomology.tamu.edu/admissions-and-aid/>

### Career & Educational Opportunities

In this major, students learn how to use the life sciences, from DNA to ecology, to analyze crime scene evidence or solve mysteries in industrial, regulatory, or medical settings. This major is excellent for students seeking to enter careers that deal with the collection, preservation, processing and use of evidentiary information to solve problems. Forensic and investigative scientists rely upon state-of-the-art scientific discoveries and technologies as tools to seek answers to critical questions in a variety of settings. Molecular, organismal, environmental, and ecological sources of information are often analyzed and interpreted in industrial, regulatory, legal, medical and associated professions. Graduates will be competitive for employment opportunities in quality assurance laboratories, homeland security and investigative services at local, state and national levels. Graduates will also be well prepared for opportunities to enter post-graduate studies or professional schools including medicine, law, and veterinary medicine. For more information, please visit [careercenter.tamu.edu](http://careercenter.tamu.edu).

For information regarding Careers in Forensic and Investigative Sciences, please visit the following websites: [forensics.tamu.edu/careers/](http://forensics.tamu.edu/careers/) and <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/forensic-science-technicians.htm>

For information regarding professional affiliations in the field of Forensic and Investigative Sciences, please visit the following website: [www.aafs.org/](http://www.aafs.org/)

### Transfer Course Sheet Notes

1. Admission preference is given to applicants with the highest GPA and the most appropriate courses completed.
2. Transfer applicants are encouraged to complete [University Core Curriculum](#) coursework found in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) unless specified above.
3. This Transfer Course Sheet was supported in a partnership between the Office of Admissions and the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences at Texas A&M University with the Undergraduate Catalog having the most extant and definitive information.