

# FACULTY OF SCIENCE

## DEPARTMENT OF PURE AND APPLIED CHEMISTRY

### FORENSIC SCIENCE

**Masters of Science in Forensic Science**  
**Postgraduate Diploma in Forensic Science**  
**Postgraduate Certificate in Forensic Science**

*These regulations are to be read in conjunction with [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).*

#### Admission

1. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#), applicants shall possess:
  - i. a degree (or in the case of direct entry to the degree of MSc, a first or second class Honours degree) from a United Kingdom university (in an appropriate discipline); or
  - ii. a qualification deemed by the Programme Director acting on behalf of Senate to be equivalent to (i) above; or
  - iii. be deemed, by the Programme Director acting on behalf of Senate, to have achieved an academic standard equivalent to (i) above.
  - iv. In addition, applicants applying in terms of (iii) above should possess appropriate formal education in Chemistry.

#### Duration of Study

2. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

#### Mode of study

3. The programmes are available by full-time study only.

#### Place of Study

4. In accordance with the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#), some off-campus work may be required.

#### Curriculum

5. All students shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:
  - i. for the Postgraduate Certificate no fewer than 60 credits
  - ii. for the Postgraduate Diploma no fewer than 120 credits
  - iii. for the degree of MSc no fewer than 180 credits including a dissertation.

#### Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
FS986	Professional and Career Skills	5	10
FS934	Essentials of Forensic Science	5	20
FS905	Essentials of Forensic Science: Practical	5	20

FS906	Practical Crime Scene and Court Exercise	5	20
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### Optional Modules

No fewer than 50 credits chosen from

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
FS935	Forensic Biology 1	5	10
FS936	Forensic Biology 2	5	20
FS937	Forensic Chemistry 1	5	10
FS938	Forensic Chemistry 2	5	20
FS910	Practical Examination in Optional Module	5	20

Not all optional modules in this list will be available every year.

### Students for the degree of MSc only

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
99900	Dissertation	5	60

### Examination, Progress and Final Assessment

- See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).
- The final award will be based on performance in the examinations and coursework together with the dissertation where undertaken.

### Award

- Degree of MSc:** In order to qualify for the degree of MSc in Forensic Science, a candidate must have performed to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners and must have accumulated no fewer than 180 credits, of which 60 must have been awarded in respect of the dissertation 99900.
- Postgraduate Diploma:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Forensic Science, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 120 credits from the programme curriculum.
- Postgraduate Certificate:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in Forensic Science, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 60 credits from the programme curriculum including at least 30 credits from a theory component.