

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN  
FORENSIC & INVESTIGATIVE SCIENCE at  
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY**

**West Virginia University  
208 Oglebay Hall; P.O. Box 6121  
Morgantown, West Virginia 26506-6121  
(304) 293-2578 FAX: (304) 293-2663**

**Application Process**

Incomplete applications will be returned without review. You must have at least a 3.00 gpa on a 4.00 scale, received at least 1000 combined score on the GRE, and have completed the pre-requisite courses.

1. You must apply for graduate admission to WVU. This can be done on-line at <http://admissions.wvu.edu/graduate/>. There is a \$50 application fee for WVU.
2. After completion of the WVU admission application, you must complete the application for admission to the Master of Science in Forensic & Investigative Science Program. There is an additional \$50 application fee for the departmental application. Checks should be made payable to the WVU Forensic Science Program.
3. Two letters of recommendation from someone who can testify to your academic and professional skills. Once you have selected this person, **fill out the top portion of the attached sheet** and supply them with the attached instruction sheet. It is critical that you fill out all sections and sign the sheet. **Failing to do so will result in your application being returned without consideration.** They will write the letter for you, place it and the form in a sealed envelope, and return the Admissions Coordinator.
4. Submit a writing sample. Peer reviewed publication where the applicant was the lead author (of at most 3 authors), **or** a 5 page essay entitled "DNA will replace trace evidence as a technique in forensic science" or an alternative title approved by the Director. This essay must be 5 pages, typed, 1.5 line spacing, Times New Roman, 12 point font, with 1" margins.
5. Mail completed applications and application fee to: Lori Britton, Admissions Coordinator, West Virginia University, Forensic & Investigative Science Program, 208 Oglebay Hall, PO Box 6121, Morgantown, WV 26506-6121.

**Application for Admission  
to the Master of Forensic Science Program at  
West Virginia University**

(Please type)

DATE OF APPLICATION:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip) Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

**OTHER SCHOOLS ATTENDED:**

Undergraduate: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RECENT EMPLOYMENT RECORD:** (List chronologically, most recent jobs first)

EMPLOYER & ADDRESS	DATES	JOB TITLE & DUTIES

**REFERENCE:** Please list two professionals familiar with your work or your studies whom you will contact and who will forward a letter of recommendation.

NAME & TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE

**PLEASE LIST AND DESCRIBE:**

Honors, awards, publications, or other forms of professional or academic recognition:

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Memberships and Affiliations: (Past, present, civic, fraternal, professional, and others)

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Are you a U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No

If No, which country? \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Visa: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to pursue graduate studies in Forensic Science?

What is your present concept of Forensic Science?

Briefly describe your academic and professional goals in this Masters program in Forensic Science (include your employment objectives).

Forensic Science Masters Program  
Letter of Recommendation

Student to complete:

Name:

**I DO waive my right to read the contents of this letter.**

Signature/date: \_\_\_\_\_

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To the recommender:

Please DO NOT write the letter unless the student has completed all sections above.

Thank you for agreeing to evaluate this applicant for the Forensic Science Masters Program at West Virginia University. Admission to this program is competitive and based on GPA, grades in required science and math courses, recommendation letters, a writing sample, and an oral interview by our admissions committee. Your letter will carry significant weight in our deliberations.

Graduates of our program enter forensic laboratories and law enforcement positions with local, state, and federal agencies. All involve high levels of public trust. As such, please address your impressions of the student's character, integrity, and appropriateness for such positions. Other aspects we are asking you to address include:

- Academic skill and promise
- Work ethic
- Ability to meet deadlines and work under stress
- Ability to work cooperatively in a group setting
- Resourcefulness and creativity
- Flexibility and ability to adapt

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