

**FAQs about the Forensic Science-Crime Scene Investigation Concentration**  
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*How do I declare a major in FS-Crime Scene Investigation?*

We're currently accepting a very limited number of applications to the Forensic Science-Crime Scene Investigation Concentration, but there are other options. So, continue reading!

*I really want to work in forensic science in a crime lab. What can I do?*

If you want to work in a crime lab, the CSI concentration would not have gotten you there anyway, since CSIs work in the field, not in labs. To work in a crime lab, you will need to pursue a different concentration in forensic science: FS Chemistry, FS Biology or FS Digital Evidence. These FS Concentrations are currently accepting some new students.

*I actually prefer fieldwork and want to become a crime scene investigator or fingerprint examiner. What should I do?*

You may want to declare FS Biology or FS Chemistry because these concentrations cover all CSI-related careers and much more (such as biotechnology and biomedical fields). Just make sure to check the respective roadmap for the desired concentration.

*I want to work in criminal justice, but I find forensic science really interesting? What can I do?*

You may want to pursue a minor in Forensic Studies with a major In Justice Studies or Justice Studies-Criminology concentration. You can begin courses in these areas in Spring 2025. In some instances, this would allow a career in crime scene investigation (depending on job description).

*I'm really committed to FS-CSI, so I'll wait. Also, can I declare another FS concentration (let's say FS Bio) and switch to CSI later?*

The FS-CSI program is impacted. We don't know when, or how many, students we will be able to accept, so we can't guarantee a place in the foreseeable future.

*Is there someone I could talk with about what courses I should take next semester?*

To contact an academic advisor, and find out about office hours, see our webpage at <https://www.sjsu.edu/justicestudies/current-students/academic-advising/>