



Bachelor of Forensic Science (Domestic students)

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| Program code | Entry requirements | Prerequisites |
| 1264 | 65.00 | NIL |
| Available at | ATAR/RANK 2024 | Assumed knowledge |
| Nathan Campus | (more) | Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3 and 4, C) |
| Duration | Commencing in | Mathematical Methods (Units 3 and 4, C) |
| 3 years full-time | Trimester 1 | |
| 6 years part-time | | |
| Credit points | | |
| 240 | | |
| Indicative fee | | |
| \$8,500.00* per year (more) | | |
| * 2024 indicative annual CSP fee | | |

About this program

Forensic investigators are skilled, dedicated professionals with the ability to keep an open mind and concentrate on hard evidence. In this degree, you will explore science in real life and receive training in handling criminal casework in forensic biology and forensic chemistry.

You will develop in-depth knowledge of new forensic analysis methods and innovations, and gain valuable experience from real casework. You will practise presenting expert evidence in moot courts. You will learn from academic staff who have been called to work on projects such as the forensic identification of victims of the Asian tsunami and the Bali bombings, and who provide expert evidence in Australian courts.

In your first year, you will take core courses in biology, chemistry, molecular genetics and forensic investigation. In your second and third years, you will focus on your chosen major and continue to develop your skills in core areas.

Majors

- Forensic Chemistry
- Forensic Molecular Biology

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Bachelor of Forensic Science is offered full-time on-campus at the Nathan campus. You may choose to study approved elective courses at other campuses if or where the program structure allows.

As a full-time student you will generally attend 10-15 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. Classes may be scheduled during the day and evening throughout the week. Some scheduled classes are held off-campus during the evenings - for example, moot court sessions in [3028NSC Forensic Evidence and the Expert Witness](#) are held at the Brisbane Magistrates Court one evening per week over eight weeks.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning activities integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life. In this program you will engage with forensic scientists and allied professionals from Queensland Health Scientific Services and the Queensland Police Service in several core courses. This will be achieved through their provision of key lectures, and through their participation in problem classes, moot courts and other assessable student presentations to expose you to the core needs of accredited forensic laboratory organisations in terms of service provision and research.

My career opportunities

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You will be prepared to work as a DNA expert, a forensic molecular biologist, forensic chemist or forensic toxicologist and as an acknowledged expert in these or a variety of other roles within the criminal justice system. You will also be able to pursue scientific careers not directly related to forensic organisations, in areas such as molecular biology, analytical chemistry and biomedical science. You may also choose to undertake a fourth-year research honours program, which can lead to a PhD and a career in research.

Professional recognition

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Professional recognition will vary depending upon your choice of major:

- Forensic Chemistry: The [Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society \(ANZFSS\)](#) and the [Royal Australian Chemical Institute \(RACI\)](#) recognise graduates of this award.
- Forensic Molecular Biology: The [Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society \(ANZFSS\)](#) and the [Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology \(ASBMB\)](#) recognise graduates of this award.

Pathways to further study

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You may choose to undertake a fourth-year research honours degree, which can lead to a Doctor of Philosophy (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)).

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

Further information

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)
- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - [3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students \(Non-international\)](#)
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)