# Concentration|Modify for request 13139

## Info

**Request:** Forensic Medicine MS concentration change of core courses
**Description of request:** The College of Medicine requests to modify the curriculum of the thesis and non-thesis options in the Forensic Medicine concentration for the Master of Science in Medical Sciences.
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## Responses

**Degree Level**
*Indicate the degree level in which the concentration is offered.*

Response:
M - Master's Degree

**Thesis or Non-Thesis**
*Is this concentration for a thesis or non-thesis degree?*

Response:
Thesis

**Concentration**
*Enter the name of the concentration to be modified.*

Response:
Forensic Medicine

**Effective Term**
*Enter the term (semester and year) at which the modification should be effective.*

Response:
Spring

**Effective Year**

Response:
2019

**Is this an undergraduate Innovation Academy Program**

Response:
No

**Department/Degree/Majors to Offer Concentration**
*List all the department / degree / major combinations at the degree level offering the concentration.*

Response:
Medicine/M.S. in Medical Sciences

*For example, if you are requesting a change to the "Wetland Sciences" concentration at the master's level, you would need to list all master's level degree / major combinations from every participating department:*

- *Forest Resources and Conservation: M.S. in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*
- *Forest Resources and Conservation: M.S. in Forest Resources and Conservation*
- *Forest Resources and Conservation: M.F.A.S. in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*
- *Forest Resources and Conservation: M.F.R.C. in Forest Resources and Conservation*
- *Geography: M.A in Geography*
- *Geography: M.S. in Geography*
- *Geological Sciences: M.S. in Geology*
- *Geological Sciences: M.S.T. in Geology*

**Current Curriculum for Concentration**

Response:
VME 6934 Topics in Veterinary Medical Sciences (Forensic Medicine I), 1-4 credits, max 10 credits, letter-graded
PHA 6935 Selected Topics in Pharmacy (Forensic Medicine II), 1-4 credits, max 12 credits, letter-graded
GMS 6358 Forensic Medicine III, 4 credits, letter-graded
GMS 6352 Artifacts of Decomposition, 3 credits, letter-graded
GMS 6351 Trauma Analysis, 3 credits, letter graded
GMS 6354 Communication Skills in Forensic Science Context, 3 credits, letter-graded
GMS 6905 Independent Studies in Medical Sciences, 1-10 credits, max 12 credits, letter-graded
GMS 6905 Independent Studies in Medical Sciences (Literature Survey in Forensic Medicine), 1-10 credits, 12 max credits, letter-graded

See uploaded Curriculum Table

**Proposed Concentration Changes**
*Describe the proposed changes to the concentration. If requesting a name change please provide details here as well.*

Response:
Replace VME 6934 Topics in Veterinary Medical Sciences (Forensic Medicine I) with GMS 6360 Principles of Forensic Medicine I, 4 credits letter-graded, https://secure.aa.ufl.edu/Approval/reports/12917

Replace PHA 6935 Selected Topics in Pharmacy (Forensic Medicine II) with GMS 6361 Principles of Forensic Medicine II, 4 credits letter-graded, https://secure.aa.ufl.edu/Approval/reports/12918

Replace PHA 6935 Selected Topics in Pharmacy (Forensic Anthropology I) with GMS 6363 Principles of Osteology, 3 credits letter-graded, https://secure.aa.ufl.edu/Approval/reports/12922

Replace GMS 6358 Forensic Medicine III with GMS 6362 Principles of Crime Scene Investigation, 3 credits letter-graded, https://secure.aa.ufl.edu/Approval/reports/12921

See uploaded Curriculum Table.

There is no intent to change this program from the current thesis and non-thesis option.

**Pedagical Rationale/Justification**
*Describe the rationale for the proposed changes to the concentration.*

Response:
Replacement of the current courses with the newly approved courses provides the students in the MS concentration with coursework more focused on forensic pathology as a science, and its application to medical and legal investigations. The newly proposed courses are also instructed by forensic science practitioners with doctoral level degrees in their relevant field of the forensic sciences and forensic medicine.

**Impacts on other programs**
*Describe any potential impact on other programs or departments, including increased need for general education or common prerequisite courses, or increased need for required or elective courses outside of the existing program.*

Response:
No impact is predicted. This change provides our students with more focused coursework created specifically for the forensic medicine concentration.

**Assessment Data Review**
*Describe the Student Learning Outcomes and/or program goal data that was reviewed to support the proposed changes.*

Response:
The program goal that was reviewed is "Deliver an effective curriculum".

This change will allow the program to deliver coursework with a core emphasis on forensic medicine.

This change will allow the program to provide students with instructional staff with doctoral level degrees who are also practitioners in the field of forensic medicine.

**Academic Learning Compact and Academic Assessment Plan**
*Describe the modifications to the Academic Assessment Plan that result from the proposed change.*

Response:
The academic assessment plan will be modified to include tracking end of course student evaluations and exit interviews from graduating students and instructor feedback for all new courses.

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| PHA 6935 Selected Topics in Pharmacy (Forensic Anthropology I) | GMS 6363 Principles of Osteology |
| GMS 6358 Forensic Medicine III | GMS 6362 Principles of Crime Scene Investigation |
| GMS 6352 Artifacts of Decomposition | GMS 6352 Artifacts of Decomposition |
| GMS 6351 Trauma Analysis | GMS 6351 Trauma Analysis |
| GMS 6354 Communication Skills in Forensic Science Context | GMS 6354 Communication Skills in Forensic Science Context |
| GMS 6905 Independent Studies in Medical Studies | GMS 6905 Independent Studies in Medical Studies |
| GMS 6905 Independent Studies in Medical Sciences (Literature Survey in Forensic Medicine) | GMS 6905 Independent Studies in Medical Sciences (Literature Survey in Forensic Medicine) |