

## 1 Graduating Seniors' Suggestions for Forensic Investigation Major

1. Tell incoming freshmen what realistic job opportunities are for this major
  - o Crime Scene Investigation NOT working in a crime lab
  - o Also let them know that jobs for civilian crime scene investigators are few and far between and they should be willing to relocate
2. Tell incoming freshmen that if they want to work in a crime lab they have to major in a hard science (biology, chemistry, etc.).
3. Consider changing the name of the major to Crime Scene Investigation (or something similar)
4. Make sure staff is knowledgeable about what they are teaching (they shouldn't have to go ask another professor for the answer to a *simple* question).
5. Make sure staff are all on the same page about what this degree can offer for a career.

The following are suggestions for specific classes:

1. Incoming students should take a cadaver lab tour so they are introduced to a deceased individual before their junior/senior year. (This way they know whether they can handle this field)
2. Aim a biology and chemistry class toward forensic investigation specifically and have essentials of A&P be a requirement.
3. Use the crime scene house more often
4. More hands-on activities in the early stages (consider adding labs to more classes)
5. Make Physics a requirement
6. Make a ballistics class
7. Make a blood spatter analysis class
8. For courtroom testimony have a mock trial aspect

We are all adamant about the following:

**We need a technical writing class specifically for CJ/CI majors! \*\*Keep the aspect of learning to write a resume and cover letter\*\* Add report writing and observational writing.**