FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Anthropology
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About This Program
The Forensic Anthropology minor introduces students to analyses of skeletal remains, bodily fluids and DNA profiles associated with missing persons cases and violent crimes. Courses focus on the science of forensic anthropology and the presentation of such data in the courtroom.

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Program Delivery
• Delivery:
  • In person
• Location:
  • Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

Program Requirements

Graduation Requirements
Minimum Minor GPA: 2.000
Minimum Overall GPA: 2.000

• Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
• Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
• Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Gain an understanding of basic forensic anthropological techniques and biological processes relevant to death investigations, including a working knowledge of bone biology and body decomposition.
2. Learn the workflow of forensic DNA laboratories, beginning with evidence examination, continuing through the benchwork steps of DNA analysis and ending with statistical evaluation.
3. Become familiar with courtroom procedures, specifically those relevant to criminal cases that include biological evidence, and deliver related testimony as they develop an understanding of the responsibilities and privileges of an expert witness.