



CSI Majors Newsletter

Fall 2024

Stay Focused and Get Ready!

Welcome back to another thrilling semester! As you dive into your studies, it is important to stay focused and work hard. Your current lab prerequisites will provide the foundation for your summer lab experience. Perseverance will pave the way for success in your academic journey and future career in crime scene investigation.

We are excited to announce our upcoming summer lab dates and are working to prepare an informative and fun experience. These labs will provide hands-on opportunities to apply your knowledge and skills and to gain invaluable insights and practical experience.

To ensure a smooth and positive summer lab experience, please pay close attention to future announcements regarding:

Travel Arrangements: Details about transportation and accommodations will be shared soon.

Pre-Lab Assignments: Be prepared to complete any required readings or tasks before the labs begin.

Lab Uniforms: Specific guidelines on what to wear will be provided to ensure safety and professionalism.

And more.

Stay tuned for more information, which will be sent through the CSI@FSU Org site in Canvas. Go into Canvas, click on All Courses and place the Org site on your

Canvas Dashboard. If you do not see it, please let me know so you can be added.



Let's make this semester and the upcoming summer labs an amazing success. Keep up the hard work, and remember, your efforts today will shape the investigators you become tomorrow.

If I can be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Upcoming Summer 2025 Courses



Summer 2025

CJE 4241L

Trace & Digital Evidence

week 1 – May 12-16

week 2 – May 19-23

**No Labs the week of
Memorial Day (5/26-30)**

week 3 – June 2-6

week 4 – June 9-13

CJE 4135L

**Impression & Pattern
Evidence**

week 1 – May 12-16

week 2 – May 19-23

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Memorial Day (5/26-30)**

week 3 – June 2-6

week 4 – June 9-13

Messages From CSI Alumni

My name is Nicole Albert, and I graduated from the CSI program about a year ago. Since then, I moved back to my hometown (St. Louis, Missouri) and have been working at the Manchester Police Department. I started off as a Records Clerk and quickly moved up to the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police. I recently just accepted a position as a Crime Scene Investigator with St. Louis County Police Department. I will be starting this month! This has been my goal since graduating and has been months in the making. I am so excited to get started and continue learning about the field!

The job search was straightforward because I knew exactly what I was looking for. I have been at my current job for a little over a year and was not applying elsewhere because I knew I wanted to hold out for when the perfect opportunity presented itself. When the CSI position with St. Louis County opened a few months ago, I saw it and applied right away. I had numerous family members and coworkers who also encouraged me to apply. The interview, background and hiring process in general took about 3-3.5 months. If you are applying for any city, state or federal position make sure you pack your patience...the process is notoriously slow. You can help this along by making sure you have copies of all your important documents and school transcripts.

My biggest piece of advice for students who are about to graduate or who have recently graduated is to network and get your foot in the door in the field. I knew that it would be difficult to walk right into a CSI position, so I decided to investigate jobs within the local area that were police related. Networking and creating friendships with my coworkers have been HUGE. The police world is large, yet small. Whatever route you choose to go, apply yourself and be your own advocate. Anything is possible!

Another few tips I would give students: 1. Have an idea of what kind of internship you want to do earlier on in the semester, so you are not rushed to decide. 2. Keep a record of all the training you have received and have it ready for when you start getting interviews. 3. Keep an open mind and be flexible! If you are planning on going into crime scene investigating, you are not going to be working a traditional schedule. Be ready for that, things are usually based upon seniority. 4. Make sure you always have a good resume ready.

Best of luck to you all! 😊

Nicole Albert



Alumni Continued

I completed the FSU CSI program in the Spring of 2021. While completing my Capstone, I interned with the Bay County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. While completing my internship, the 14th Judicial Circuit Medical Examiner's Office had an opening for a Medico-legal Investigator which I accepted and held for two years before starting my new career. I am now a Senior Federal Agent at the National Nuclear Security Administration, providing safe and secure transportation for nuclear weapons, special nuclear material, and components. While working at the Medical Examiner's Office, it was very clear how my time at FSU and the CSI program benefited me and my career. My time at FSU helped me gain much interest from multiple federal agencies I applied to with agencies still reaching out for interest due to the nature of the degree.

Though my current position did not require a CSI degree, it has helped me stand out and progress faster than my peers. Understanding the impact attention to detail can be made in crime scene investigations has transitioned into understanding processes with accepting and delivering highly sensitive materials essential to our national security. Planning our missions requires understanding of how different locations operate, travel times, and security concerns along our routes as well as how we would respond in an attack scenario and balancing it all while operating in the public with highly sensitive and dangerous materials. This requires a drive to understand each component and place extreme importance on details. The senior leadership at

my command values the effort I put into researching information to further my understanding of the job and the extra effort put forward to support the mission while getting my National EMT certification to be a medic for our command. The extra effort goes a long way at both FSU and law enforcement agencies at every level.

My advice for current CSI students is to pay attention to the course materials and put in the effort as if you were working on a real case. It will make a difference and stand out when you are looking for internships and careers. If you put in the effort now, it will be easier to recall when you are dealing with high-stress cases or multiple cases requiring different techniques. Good luck to everyone through your time at FSU CSI and wherever it takes you!

Cameron Swift



Class of Fall 2024

Arjane Bonifacio
Cassidy Jackson
Hannah Rose Lee
Lindsey Like
Sagan May
April Moore

Congratulations Graduates!



Grads,

If you have not yet sent me your next step- work, grad school etc. and personal email, please do so. You will only have your FSU email for one semester post graduation.

Internship Highlight

Howdy!

My name is April Moore, and I graduated from the CSI program in December of 2024. My time spent in the program was nothing short of amazing and I am very thankful for all the people I met, connections, and friends that I made.

During my senior year, I had the opportunity to intern with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in Jacksonville, Florida. This experience really gave me a good foundation and solidified what I wanted to pursue post-graduation and what to expect when entering the forensics workforce.

A cool thing about JSO internship is they place you in different departments every week so you can learn how the criminal justice system works. I was skeptical at first because I felt as if most of it did not pertain to forensics, but I did learn a lot and my perspective of it changed as time went on.

My favorite part of the internship working with the forensics squad. When with the detective, I learned so much from him, not only do they handle forensic cases, but they also do a lot of photography of domestic violence victims as well.

Early during my senior year I had a limited idea of what forensic entomology was. I now have a profound love for it now. During my summer labs in 2024, it was an awesome experience learning about the importance of flies and I enjoyed removing the larvae from the decomposing pigs out in the field.

I graduated in Fall 24 with my undergraduate, I have not found a forensics related job yet but I know it will come soon, and I will be ready for it.

After graduation, I decided to pursue my M.S. in Forensic Medicine from the University of Florida. The forensic medicine program is an in depth curriculum about autopsy, anthropology, entomology, and investigation.

My advice to current students, is to pour as much of yourself into your work as possible. In this field, you must be compassionate and driven! Create a study. schedule, minimize distractions, actively engage with the material, take breaks, set clear goals, ask for help when needed, practice regularly, review notes often, study in groups when beneficial, and prioritize a healthy lifestyle to maximize your learning and retention of information. Never be afraid to ask questions and correct your mistakes. Your instructors and your TA's care about you! They want you to learn and succeed in the classroom and beyond.

Something relatable about the TA's is they were once "you" in this program. They will go out of their way to try to help you understand. I see firsthand that the jobs are so limited entering the field. Being fresh out of school, most jobs already want someone with prior experience. I highly recommend taking part in an internship prior to graduation and networking.

Networking is important, mainly because this field is very small and everyone knows each other. Especially the ones that have been around for years. Attend conferences, seminars, training

sessions, or even just make a LinkedIn profile.

I have been finding myself on LinkedIn a lot lately. I feel as if I am entering a new stage of adulthood where all I want to do is network with people from different areas in forensics.

Do not be discouraged if you hear, "no" a few times. Do not be scared to apply for that internship, job, graduate school, etc., You can do it! You will only do yourself a disservice by not doing so.

Your success in school and after graduation is relies on you and the effort you put into your work and into yourself. I wish you all the best of luck and well wishes on your endeavors. If I can be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to ever reach out to me if you have any questions or just need some general advice regarding "what's next." - ajm22bf@fsu.edu

April Moore



Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Intern

All CSI Majors are required to complete a semester long Capstone internship!



Crime Scene Investigation offers a variety of employment opportunities in local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as governmental and private crime laboratories. [NoleNetwork](#), the FSU Career Center's system for linking students and alumni directly with hiring employers and Career Center programs, includes opportunities for both full-time jobs and internships with local, state, and federal agencies seeking to hire FSU Panama City students and alumni!

FSU CSI students and alumni can directly link with hiring employers and Career Center programs by visiting the FSU Panama City resources [here](#).

<https://www.career.fsu.edu/>

Need more info:

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CSI Majors

Making an Impression!



Dean's List

Brandon Acosta
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Kenli Bryant
Colby Chamlis
Destini Courtney
Kathryn Devine
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Mallorie Fletcher
Caroline Gray
Miranda Harrison
Kevin Long
Cassie Mack
Cierra Moosue
Kaitlyn Osmond
Roxanne Paredes
Lorgens Petit Frere
Joshua Starke
Heather Vivier
Lexa Weaver
Amber Wilkinson



President's List

Edrie Allen
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Alayna Dankworth
Seth Dewitt
Hannah Lee
Joshua Mann
Elizabeth Moon
Kaitlyn Newell
Raelyn Rogish
Sophie Suereth

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Intern Shirts?**

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Hats.**

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tore/c10/FSU_CSI.html#/](https://www.almegasports.com/store/c10/FSU_CSI.html#/)

**Help promote the program
on the go!**

FSU PANAMA CITY

CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR

Wednesday, March 5 | 3:00pm to 6:00pm (CST)
Holley Academic Center | 4750 Collegiate Drive

850-644-6431 | career.fsu.edu | [@fsucareercenter](https://twitter.com/fsucareercenter) | #HireANole



Korri's Korner



Thank you to our Fall
2024
CSI Mentors!

Caylynn Aaron
Reilly Hall
Lindsey Miller
Madison Nelson
Dennis Rozier
Caitlin Scarlett
Cameron Swift
Kelly Wahl

Thank you to our
Fall 2024
CSI Adjuncts!

Adrienne Brundage
Jason Byrd
Korri Daniels
Kim Long

Dear FSU CSI Majors,

The Importance of Networking in a Forensic Career

Networking is a cornerstone of success in any profession, but it holds particular importance in the field of forensic science. Forensic professionals often operate in a dynamic environment, requiring collaboration, continuous learning, and access to diverse expertise. Building a robust network can significantly enhance a forensic career by providing opportunities for growth, skill development, and career advancement.

1. Access to Mentorship and Expertise

Forensic science encompasses a broad range of specializations, from DNA analysis to digital forensics. Networking allows professionals to connect with experts who can offer guidance and mentorship. Learning from seasoned practitioners helps develop technical skills, refine investigative techniques, and gain insight into best practices.

2. Staying Updated with Industry Trends

The forensic field is evolving, with advancements in technology and methodologies shaping the way evidence is analyzed and interpreted. Networking with peers, attending conferences, and participating in professional organizations, such as the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) and The International Association for Identification (IAI) provide access to cutting-edge research, emerging tools, and innovative practices.

3. Collaboration Across Disciplines

Successful forensic investigations often rely on teamwork across multiple disciplines, including law enforcement, legal experts, and specialized forensic analysts. Building a professional network fosters collaboration, enabling smoother communication and coordination in real-world cases. This interconnectedness can be vital when time-sensitive cases require diverse expertise.

4. Career Advancement Opportunities

Networking opens doors to career opportunities that might not be publicly advertised. Whether it's through word-of-mouth referrals, professional associations, or alumni networks, connections can lead to job prospects, internships, or advanced training programs. A strong network also helps

forensic professionals build their reputation within industry.

5. Support and Knowledge Sharing

The challenges of working in forensic sciences such as high-stakes investigations or emotionally taxing cases—can be mitigated by having a supportive network. Engaging with others who share similar experiences fosters a sense of community, allowing professionals to share knowledge, discuss challenges, and find solutions collaboratively.

Conclusion

Networking is not just about exchanging business cards; it is about building meaningful, reciprocal relationships that can benefit all parties. In the forensic field, where technology and methodologies are constantly advancing, having a strong professional network is indispensable for staying relevant, effective, and successful. By fostering connections, forensic professionals can navigate their careers with greater confidence, skill, and adaptability.

With pride and belief in your potential,

Korri Daniels

Consider joining a
CSI-related Professional Association.
They have student memberships!



American Academy of Forensic Sciences

<https://www.aafs.org/membership/membership-requirements/student-affiliate>



International Association
for Identification

International Association of Identification

<https://www.theiai.org/membership.php>



Florida Division
International Association
for Identification

The Florida Division of the International Association of Identification

<https://www.fdiai.org/membership.php>

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a student member, please feel free to contact me.

Korri

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CSI Student of the Semester Fall 2024



Cassidy Jackson

Congratulations to Cassidy Jackson on being named the CSI Student of the Semester for Fall 2024. Cassidy was selected because of her good work as an intern in the CSI program, helping to complete several needed projects. Through her dedication, academic excellence, and positive attitude, Cassidy exemplifies the CSI program's core values.

**Congratulations
Cassidy!**



**Congratulations to The
following students
Inducted into Delta
Delta Epsilon
International Forensic
Science Honor Society**

The Delta Delta Epsilon,
International Forensic
Science Honor Society is by
invitation to students who
have excelled in the
classroom.

*Min. 3.3 GPA &
23 Hours completed in the
Major*

Delta Delta Epsilon is an
International honor society
that is dedicated to
stimulating academic
achievement, promoting
community understanding,
and advancing the fields of
forensic science wherever
possible. Membership is
limited at this time to
students within the
disciplines of forensic
science which meet high
academic criteria and are
dedicated to the mission of
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Raelyn Rogish
Heather Vivier
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*DDE Looking Ahead to 2025
New members will begin work
on plans for a Spring service
project.*



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