Graduation & Beyond

Graduates are prepared for careers as forensic scientists. Potential employers include federal, state, local or private crime laboratories and regional medical examiner offices in fields such as:

• Forensic Drug Chemistry
• Forensic Biology/DNA
• Fingerprint Examination
• Trace Evidence Analysis

Points of Pride

The Ohio Attorney General’s Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) located a 30,000 square foot, $14 million state-of-the-art crime lab on the BGSU campus. Simultaneously, it created the Center for the Future of Forensic Science to optimize the university partnership through shared research and delivery of education/training opportunities for both BGSU students and forensic science professionals.

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio
Julie A. Cox is a 1997 graduate of Bowling Green State University. She graduated before there was a forensic science degree, but with a B.S. in biology with a microbiology specialization and a minor in chemistry, she had a solid foundation for working in a crime lab.

She is a forensic scientist and safety officer with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and works in the Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine’s BCI facility that is located on Bowling Green State University’s campus.

As a forensic scientist, her work involves examining evidence to assist in criminal investigations. Her area of expertise lies in the identification of biological fluid stains and forensic DNA analysis.

“I was well-prepared for my forensic science career by the education I received at BGSU. From the challenging science courses to my collaboration as an undergraduate research assistant, I earned the knowledge and hands-on experience necessary to work and think independently.”

Future forensic scientists should be prepared for a fast-paced and high-tech work environment. While the field still relies on some classic analyses, novel methodologies are employed routinely and there is a vast amount of research that continues to be conducted in all of the various areas of forensics. Scientists are needed who have a strong aptitude for hands-on laboratory work and an inquisitive mind.

Nathan Bunch, a Forensic Science Major, has worked as a student intern for the Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green State University. He has helped with research projects conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation in conjunction with the Center for the Future of Forensic Science. One of the projects he helped with during the summer of 2016, was to help record the measurement of distances that guns were thrown to aid dive team investigators in locating discarded firearms.