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Do you know that we send out, periodically, hundreds of copies of a Forensics Newsletter? If not, and you would like to get on the mailing list, go to www.tcnj.edu/~csiewing and let us know. You can also find back-issues there.

We realize that not all Chemistry majors are here because of a interest in Forensic Chemistry, but we do have a unique program within the Chemistry Department. You can take a single course like CHEM 360 if you would like to find out what Forensic Chemistry is all about. If you would like, you can take an upper level Forensic Chemistry course such as CHEM 471 or 472, which also count as advanced electives, or you can complete the Forensic Chemistry concentration (similar to a minor). You are always welcome!

The Forensic Chemistry Program Has Changed

The Original Forensic Chemistry Concentration (CFOR)- requirements

1. 2 Criminology and Justice Studies courses (CRJ 200 and 415 or CRJ 201 and 415)
2. Required internship or research in a related area
3. CHEM 360
4. CHEM 471 or 472

Several changes have been made. First, while it seemed reasonable to call it a Concentration 4 years ago, the word now has other meanings on campus, so it will henceforth be known as a Specialization in the Chemistry Department. Second, the Criminology and Justice Studies Department no longer offers CRJ 415; it now is CRJ 203. Third, when we first began, the NJ State Police Lab was eager to establish and fund our summer internship program for TCNJ students. Now, they're faced with substantial budget cuts and had to delete this program, so the research/internship requirement will now be "highly recommended." There will also be a change in the program planner. Some CFOR students have also chosen to minor in CRJ. Since one can double count a single required course, our students were not able to apply their 2 CRJ courses towards their minor. We now list the CRJ courses as correlate courses to the Concentration/ Specialization and you can double count as many of those as you need to. (Tricky eh?)

The ****NEW**** Forensic Chemistry Specialization (CFOR)

1. 2 CRJ Courses (CRJ 200 and 203 or CRJ 201 and 203)
2. CHEM 360
3. CHEM 471 or 472
4. Research or internship strongly suggested

TCNJ/ New Jersey State Police Internship Program — Gone?

There are many Forensic programs in the area, all urging students to intern, so there are many requests for summer internship positions with the State Police and local labs. While essentially every intern was unpaid, the TCNJ/NJSP program provided a salary for our student interns! Due to budget cuts and staff reductions, the State Police can no longer continue the TCNJ/NJSP summer program, however they would still like TCNJ students to intern there. The new head of the State Police Forensic Lab suggested the possibility of TCNJ interns during the Spring 2009 semester, avoiding the glut of summer intern applicants. For a meaningful internship, they would like a student to be in their lab 15-20 hours per week for the semester. This is an experiment we would like to try, if anyone is interested. If you would like to be considered as a State Police intern for Spring 2009, please contact Dr. Allison ASAP (allison@tcnj.edu).



We (Don't) Know What You Did Last Summer

If you participated in a Forensic-related internship or research during the summer, please let Dr. Allison know, and provide a one-paragraph description (who, what, when, why, where). We will let Records and Registration know about your activities, in case you plan on completing the CFOR requirement (they will be looking for evidence of the experience, and since you did not take the internship for credit, they will only know about it based on a letter from us).