

# Computer Forensics A.A.S. Advisement Tip Sheet 2010-2011

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## PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

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More and more crimes are committed using computers. The Computer Forensics degree program will help students learn how to provide a secure computer environment and learn techniques for collecting and analyzing computer-related evidence. Students will be prepared for entry-level positions as a computer forensics examiner, data recovery technician or member of a security team who monitors and supports computer-based security systems.

The intent of the program is to prepare students for immediate employment.

## PRIORITY COURSES

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Priority courses for first semester if student is part-time or only able to take 12-13 credits:

CIS 108  
SOC1101

If students must delay the core courses because of MATH095 class work, they will not graduate in two years. Please note that even though the program requires only a SUNY General Education Math Elective, for which MATH109 is appropriate, students must complete MATH095 (if required) in order to qualify for enrollment in CIS108.

## COURSE SEQUENCING DETAILS

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It is important that students are placed into CIS 108 in the first semester unless they have to take MATH095.

### Fall only courses

CIS 215  
SOC1207  
CFOR210  
CFOR220

### Spring only courses

CIS 132  
CIS 213 (& often in summer)  
CFOR110 (& often in summer)  
CFOR230  
CFOR240

## GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING COURSES

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N/A

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Career Options: Data recovery/forensics organizations and law enforcement all need people to work in labs recovering/analyzing digital evidence. Local employment opportunities are very limited.

### **TRANSFER INFORMATION**

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Although the program is not designed for transfer, transfer Options include: Champlain College, Utica College, SUNY Farmingdale. Each college offers a related program; Champlain offers their program online. Some graduates have gone into computer security following our program.

Recent changes to the Computer Forensics program have made the program more transfer-friendly. In particular, there have been added requirements of SUNY General Education coursework in science, humanities, and math.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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N/A