

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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# Forensic Science Infosheet

**New student admissions for Summer 2027 are open**

**2-Week Course**

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

## Program Highlights

- Designed to give students both theoretical and practical tools in the field of forensic science
- Crime scene investigations and evidence, including fingerprints, trace (hair/fiber) evidence, blood spatter, DNA analysis, and more
- Using case studies, students will work in teams to solve crimes using newly acquired scientific and observational skills.
- Students will participate in a crime scene simulation

## 2027 Dates

**UCLA ($6,298):**

- Session 1: June 20 - July 2
- Session 2: July 5 - July 17*
- Session 3: July 18 - July 30

**Vanderbilt University ($5,698):**

- Session 1: June 20 - July 2

*Sessions starting July 5th will start on Monday, not Sunday (due to the holiday). During the first week, classes meet Tuesday through Friday, followed by Monday through Friday in week two.

## Academic Program Overview

Do you love detective work and are interested in solving crimes? Forensics is a field focused on the scientific gathering and analysis of evidence that can ultimately be utilized in the legal field. Although there are many types of forensics (accounting, psychiatry), this course will concentrate on crime scene investigations and lab science. Whether students are curious about doing crime scene investigations or want to be a forensic pathologist, this course will help them sharpen their investigative and observational skills while reviewing a range of scientific concepts. Forensic science is one of the most up-and-coming fields to explore. Crime scene examiners, medical examiners and lab technicians are just a few of the career options for those interested in forensics.

## Excursions

Students at UCLA have visited the Beverly Hills Police Department Crime Lab and the LA County Superior Court in the past to learn more about forensic data collection and its use in criminal investigations and courts. All students will also participate in a full crime scene simulation, gathering evidence and making a case alongside their classmates, effectively simulating the work of a forensic scientist.

Excursion information for our program on Vanderbilt's campus will be later announced.

# Instructors

### UCLA – Donna Thomas

Donna holds a Master of Arts degree in Legal Studies and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Forensics from American Military University. Additionally, she holds two Associates degrees, one in Administration to Justice and the other in Social Behavior, from Citrus Community College.

### Vanderbilt - To Be Announced

Courses are taught by accomplished and passionate faculty recruited from many area colleges, universities and professional forums. Each faculty member is selected for their subject area expertise and proven ability to both challenge and captivate students.

# Tuition Information:

**Apply by November 30 to lock in the lowest prices of the year. Tuition increases on December 1**

### Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: See prices under 2027 Dates

### Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Prices**:
  - **UCLA:** $3,298
  - **Vanderbilt:** $2,998

# Supplements:

- **Application Fee**: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Course Supplement**: $250 tuition supplement for Forensic Science (mandatory)
- **Tuition Protection Plan**: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

## Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Afternoons in both weeks are dedicated to students' preferred College Readiness Workshops (CRW), True You, and Academics in Action, with Academics in Action including academic excursions, guest speakers, and course-related activities, such as an instructor-led project or student-led, independent study.

## Typical Schedule

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| 8AM | Breakfast |
| 9AM | Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival |
| 12PM | Lunch |
| 1:30PM | Academics in Action or Recreational Activity |
| 3:30PM | CRWs, True You, or Academics in Action |
| 5-5:15PM | Commuter Student Departure |
| 6PM | Dinner |
| 7PM | Clubs |
| 10:30PM | Night Checks |

Schedule above is a sampler; real schedules may vary based on program and academic track.

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