



INTERNATIONAL FORENSICS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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In this programme you will focus on international casework and the consequences of an international setting for the collection of biological or chemical information.

Is DNA evidence treated differently in Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) from national crime? What evidence can be used to prove the use of chemical weapons? These are just 2 of the many questions to explore in International Forensics. Intercultural communication and different regulations are of course important topics in this programme.

THE PROGRAMME

The programme includes the courses International Law, Evidence in Forensic Biology and Evidence in Forensic Chemistry as well as training in intercultural sensitivity and scientific English. In addition to this, you can tailor a small part of the programme to your needs and interests by choosing electives. For instance, you can opt for courses from the Environmental Science for Sustainable Energy and Technology study programme.

The programme is offered in combination with the Forensic Biology and Forensic Chemistry specialisations.

Combining courses allows you to compile a 1-year programme. For instance as a sandwich year or international year. If you have less than 200 clock hours of hands-on laboratory experience under your belt, you will take part in our lab skills programme.

PROJECTS

In addition to taking part in the courses and training sessions, you will carry out a research project. This involves investigating a described case. You will work in small groups and each of you will collect information on a particular aspect of the case, such as DVI, failure analysis, ballistics or sports doping.

You will use desk research, literature reviews and interviews to collect information and write an expert review and a case report. Examples of potential cases are: airplane crash or ferry disaster, food contamination crisis, sports doping and the Olympic Games.

If you have sufficient laboratory experience you will attend 5 lab sessions of approximately 4 hours each. These will offer you the chance to investigate evidence, such as DNA, or to perform instrumental analysis.

ADMISSION

Advanced practical laboratory skills and a basic knowledge of chemistry and genetics are highly recommended. If you want to improve your laboratory skills, you can do so with the optional basic lab skills programme.

The programme is open to students of partner institutions who have completed a minimum of 2 years of university study in Forensic Science, Biology or Chemistry. Please note that the number of places is limited.

ECTS

The entire programme is worth 30 ECTS. This equals a study load of 30 times 28 study hours, or 20 calendar weeks. International Forensics is part of the Forensic Laboratory Investigation major, which in turn is part of the Chemistry study programme and the Biomedical Research programme, both taught at the Avans School of Life Sciences and Environmental Technology in Breda.

START

September

LEVEL

Bachelor's

DURATION

1 semester

TUITION FEES

Exchange students

As an exchange student, you will continue to pay tuition fees to your home institution. This means you do not have to pay tuition fees to Avans.

Other students

If your university is not a partner of Avans University of Applied Sciences, you can join us as a full-fee paying student. For more details, please contact the Avans International Office on +31 88 525 80 01 or at internationaloffice@avans.nl.

LOCATION

Breda, the Netherlands

APPLYING

You can participate in an exchange programme at Avans University of Applied Sciences if your home institution has concluded an agreement with us. Please contact your home institution's exchange coordinator to find out if this is the case.

Once you have been nominated for a programme at Avans by your university, you can register for it online at avans.nl.

CONTACT

If you would like more information about this study programme, please contact the Exchange Office:

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