

Course progression map for 2026 commencing students

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M6009 Master of Forensic Medicine - Clinical forensic medicine specialisation

Semester 1 commencement. Part-time study

Year 1 Semester 1	FOR4004 Elements of the forensic science 6cp	FOR4003 Ethics, medicine and law 6cp		
Year 1 Semester 2	FOR4001 Medical evidence 6cp	FOR4002 Injury interpretation 6cp		
Year 2 Semester 1	FOR5005 Adult sexual assault 6cp	FOR5013 Non accidental injury in childhood 6cp <u>or</u> FOR5018 Elements of forensic anthropology**		
Year 2 Semester 2	FOR5012 Child and adolescent sexual abuse 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		
Year 3 Semester 1	FOR5008 Custodial medicine 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		
Year 3 Semester 2	Elective unit* 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		

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Semester 2 commencement. Part-time study

Year 1 Semester 2	FOR4001 Medical evidence 6cp	FOR4003 Ethics, medicine and law 6cp		
Year 1 Semester 1	FOR4004 Elements of the forensic science 6cp	FOR4002 Injury interpretation 6cp		
Year 2 Semester 2	FOR5012 Child and adolescent sexual abuse 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		
Year 2 Semester 1	FOR5005 Adult sexual assault 6cp	FOR5013 Non accidental injury in childhood 6cp <u>or</u> FOR5018 Elements of forensic anthropology**		
Year 3 Semester 2	Elective unit* 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		
Year 3 Semester 1	FOR5008 Custodial medicine 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		
Part A	Foundation studies (18 points)			
Part B	Applied studies (54 points)			

***Elective units:** Refer to the following page for elective options.

** **FOR5018** is open to domestic students in Semester 2 only. The semester 1 offering of FOR5018 is only available to students living and studying in the Philippines.

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Clinical forensic medicine specialisation elective studies

You must complete 24 credit points from the following units, or other Level 5 units offered by the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, other faculties at Monash University, or other tertiary institutions (with departmental approval). Suitable Monash units can be identified using the Monash Handbook search tool.

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Semester 1

- FOR5007 Elements of forensic toxicology
- FOR5013 Non accidental injury in childhood
- FOR5026 Death investigation
- FOR5011 Advanced issues in non-accidental injury of children*

Semester 2

- FOR5006 Traffic medicine
- FOR5009 Advanced issues in sexual violence
- FOR5018 Elements of forensic anthropology
- FOR5021 Mortuary technical science
- FOR5022 Advanced methods in forensic science: Emerging trends and issues*
- FOR5023 Quality management in the forensic sciences*
- FOR5025 Forensic pharmacology

*Note: FOR5011, FOR5022 and FOR5023 are offered every second year.

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M6009 Master of Forensic Medicine - Forensic medical science specialisation

Semester 1 commencement. Part-time study

Year 1 Semester 1	FOR4004 Elements of the forensic science 6cp	FOR5007 Elements of forensic toxicology 6cp		
Year 1 Semester 2	FOR4001 Medical evidence 6cp	FOR4003 Ethics, medicine and law 6cp		
Year 2 Semester 1	FOR5026 Death Investigation 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		
Year 2 Semester 2	FOR5021 Mortuary technical science 6cp	FOR5023 Quality management in the forensic sciences 6cp**		
Year 3 Semester 1	Elective unit* 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		
Year 3 Semester 2	Elective unit* 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		

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Semester 2 commencement. Part-time study

Year 1 Semester 2	FOR4001 Medical evidence 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		
Year 1 Semester 1	FOR4004 Elements of the forensic science 6cp	FOR5007 Elements of forensic toxicology 6cp		
Year 2 Semester 2	FOR5021 Mortuary technical science 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		
Year 2 Semester 1	FOR4003 Ethics, medicine and law 6cp	FOR5026 Death Investigation 6cp		
Year 3 Semester 2	FOR5023 Quality management in the forensic sciences 6cp **	Elective unit* 6cp		
Year 3 Semester 1	Elective unit* 6cp	Elective unit* 6cp		
Part A	Foundation studies (18 points)			
Part B	Applied studies (54 points)			

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** **FOR5023** is offered every second year.

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Forensic medical science specialisation elective studies

You must complete 30 credit points from the following units, or other level 5 units offered by the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, other faculties at Monash University, or other tertiary institutions (with departmental approval). Suitable Monash units can be identified using the Monash Handbook search tool. <https://handbook.monash.edu/search>

Semester 1

- FOR5005 Adult sexual assault
- FOR5008 Custodial medicine
- FOR5013 Non-accidental injury in childhood

Semester 2

- FOR4002 Injury interpretation
- FOR5018 Elements of forensic anthropology
- FOR5022 Advanced methods in forensic Science: Emerging trends and issues*
- FOR5025 Forensic pharmacology

*Note: FOR5022 is offered every second year.