



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY Bachelor of Science Forensic Anthropology

Request:

The Ohio State University requests approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Anthropology

Background:

The Ohio State University is a public research institution located in Columbus, Ohio with regional campuses in Lima, Mansfield, Marion, Newark, and Wooster. The university has an enrollment of more than 67,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. The Ohio State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission until its next review in 2026-27.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The Bachelor of Science in Forensic Anthropology is a 123 semester hour program. Forensic anthropologists are increasingly consulted to oversee recovery of human remains and excavations, conduct analyses of unidentified human remains, and interpret skeletal trauma. Traditionally, forensic anthropologists occupied academic positions and consulted for medical-examiners or coroners; however, current trends indicate that there is an increased number of full-time forensic anthropology positions in federal government, academia, local medical-examiner/coroner offices, and global foundations. The Bachelor of Science in Forensic Anthropology includes coursework in introduction to physical anthropology; introduction to anatomy; intro to the practice of statistics; introduction to forensic science; introduction to criminal justice; introduction to forensic anthropology; human osteology; growth and development; spatial analysis for anthropologists; summer field school in archaeology; practical training in forensic anthropology; anthropology, public health, and human rights; comparative vertebrate anatomy; comparative vertebrate anatomy; intersections: approaches to race, gender, class, and sexuality; human anatomy with dissection; radiologic sectional anatomy; and the criminal justice system. Students complete multiple field experiences, and practical training in anthropology.

The university projects that enrollment will grow from 11 students in the first year to 42.5 students by the fourth year.

Faculty and Resources:

The Ohio State University has adequately planned for faculty and resources to deliver the program.

Recommendation:

The Bachelor of Science in Forensic Anthropology meets the Chancellor's standards for baccalaureate degrees and approval is recommended. Approval may be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, the Ohio State University fails to continue to meet the Chancellor's standards for undergraduate degree programs or receives a sanction from the Higher Learning Commission.

End of Comment Period: 8/15/2023 at 1:30pm
No comments received, recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION

The Associate Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

/s/ Stephanie McCann

8/16/2023

**Stephanie McCann, Associate Vice Chancellor of
Program Development & Approval**

Date

APPROVAL



Randy Gardner, Chancellor

8/21/2023

Date

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