

## Options with a degree in Forensic and Investigative Science

### What skills will you develop?

Forensic and Investigative Science graduates are able to:

- demonstrate analytical and interpretative skills
- employ a methodical approach
- write reports
- be self-reliant and work with initiative
- act in a professional manner
- manage time and workloads effectively
- use information technology to store, retrieve and produce material for course work
- demonstrate patience and concentration
- give attention to detail
- work in a team or independently
- communicate both verbally and in writing
- display a familiarity with the justice system

**These are just a sample of jobs where a Forensic and Investigative Science degree would be a useful background or relevant first step prior to further training or study:**

- Analytical chemist
- Biomedical scientist
- Crime scene investigator
- Environmental scientist
- Food technologist
- Forensic scientist
- Microbiologist
- Mortuary technician
- Police officer
- Scientific laboratory technician
- Teaching laboratory technician
- Toxicologist

## Some of our recent Forensic and Investigative Science graduates are now employed by:

- LGC – The Local Government Chemist
- The NHS
- Police Forces
- Universities

## What other career options are there?

Many employers seek graduates with a good degree (usually a 2.2 or higher), and over 80% of employers don't have a preference for the subject studied. These are some of the areas you could also consider. Some of these will involve further study or training:

- Administration
- Management
- Civil Service
- Local government
- Law
- Human Resources
- Recruitment
- Banking
- Accountancy
- Finance
- Insurance
- Hospitality
- Events management
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Sales and retail
- Advertising
- Charity and voluntary work
- Tourism
- Politics

**For more information about different sectors and job roles, including career-planning tools, the following websites are helpful:**

[Prospects](#)

[Targetjobs](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

## What help is available from the University of Cumbria?

The Careers and Employability Service can support you with your career planning throughout your time at university, and for up to three years after you graduate. During this time, you can access our career hub, [My Career Enriched](#), which enables you to:

- search for graduate jobs, part-time work, work experience, placements and paid internships
- book one-to-one advice and guidance appointments
- book a practice interview
- book onto employability events
- access the CV/application review service

We also offer practical workshops on a range of employability topics, as well as advice and information about further study.

Students with a disability or health condition can request information and advice on finding disability confident employers, how to declare a disability, applying for work, and requesting adjustments in the recruitment process.

Access our range of careers information and resources on [My.Cumbria.ac.uk](http://My.Cumbria.ac.uk)

## Other useful sources of advice

- [The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences](#)
- [www.csofs.org](http://www.csofs.org)
- [Targetpostgrad](#)
- [FindAMasters](#)
- [NHS](#)
- [Policenow](#)

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