

## Fact

The jobs outlook for forensics specialists, as well as other computer network, system, and database administrators, is excellent, with employment opportunities expected to grow much faster than the average.

*Source: Occupational Outlook Handbook 2014-2015 edition, U.S. Department of Labor*

## Growing Need

To address the increasing threat from cybercrime, digital forensics is necessary and important. Law enforcement and government agencies, organizations, and companies all need digital forensics professionals to better protect digital assets and to investigate cybercrime.

## Outstanding Preparation

The Digital Forensics Certificate at Governors State University provides you with the theoretical and practical knowledge in digital forensics, one of the fastest growing branches of computer security. As a digital forensics investigator, you will specialize in recovering, analyzing, and presenting data from computers for use in investigations or as evidence. You will determine the details of intrusions into computer systems, recover data from encrypted or erased files, and recover emails and deleted passwords.

This certificate is open to both upper-division undergraduate and graduate students. Both full-time and part-time students are eligible to enroll in this certificate program. The certificate program includes four required classes and a computer science workshop in digital forensics. Two courses are offered each semester. You should be able to complete all the required courses within two semesters of fulfilling the prerequisite.

## Unlimited Opportunity

GSU offers a superior educational opportunity at an affordable tuition rate while maintaining the professional quality of its programs. GSU's outstanding faculty and real-world curriculum prepare graduates to meet the demands of the future.

## Faculty Advisor:

Dr. Soon-Ok Park  
Academic Program Coordinator  
Faculty Advisor  
708.534.7058  
spark@govst.edu



## Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the university requirements for certificate admission, applicants must have completed the following course:

CPSC - 5000 Computer Science Workshop: (1-3) or its equivalent.

## Certificate Requirements

In order to receive the Digital Forensics Certificate, both undergraduate and graduate students must complete each required course with a grade of "B" or better and submit the application for award of certificate to their faculty advisor.

\*Note: If an undergraduate student gets a "C" in a required course for the certificate program, this course may be counted as an elective course for his/her degree requirements.

## Required Courses (12 Hours)

- CPSC - 4540 Digital Forensics (3)
- CPSC - 4542 Contemporary Issues-Digital Forensics (3)
- CPSC - 4584 Special Topics in Information Security (3)
- CPSC - 6622 Special Topics in Digital Forensics (3)

## Total - 12 Hours

