You’re on the case – and we’ve got your back

Although you probably won’t be kicking in doors or chasing down suspects in your Ferrari, a day in the life of a real private investigator still provides plenty of exciting and fulfilling ways to help both people and businesses solve real problems. Whether you’re retired from law enforcement, just plain retired or anywhere in between, our nationally recognized program will help you learn the skills you need to break into this rewarding field.

Instructors in our program are working private investigators with decades of experience, and they’ll walk you through the basics of the field before moving on to specialized skills like surveillance, background checks and interviews. You’ll also get hands-on experience using exclusive databases and other essential tools used by private investigators. Plus, even if you’re not looking to complete your license, there are plenty of job opportunities available to you using the skills you’ll learn – and we’ll send local openings to you by email for a year after you’ve finished the program.

| Courses | 1. Introduction to the Profession of Private Investigation  
| Time Commitment: | 2. Basic Principles of Investigation  
|  | 3. Applied Investigative Practices  
|  | 4. Investigative Specialization  
|  | 5. Optimizing Investigative Resources  
| Approximate Cost: |  
| $1,675 |  

You can learn more and apply for the program at extension.fullerton.edu/pi

Questions?

Program Coordinator Makeda Seyoum will be happy to speak with you; she can be reached at (657) 278-8392 or mseyoum@fullerton.edu.

* This is an approximate cost of completing the certificate program at 2016-2017 tuition rates. Tuition is subject to change at any time without further notice.
Introduction to the Profession of Private Investigation

In this class, there will be an emphasis on different types of investigative work, licensure requirements, and the role and functions of private investigators. You will also develop a working knowledge of professional ethics in the field, as well as investigative opportunities in the business community.

Basic Principles of Investigation

This class is designed to enhance your legal knowledge and professional understanding of the field of private investigation. You will study selections of the California Penal Code. You will also develop a working knowledge of the criminal justice process and how it relates to private investigators.

Applied Investigative Practices

Learn the various practices and techniques used in private investigation. Enhance your ability to perform effective record searches through public information sources. You will learn how to decipher and summarize court files and public documents in various types of investigations. You will also learn how to gather and evaluate facts surrounding a crime, properly gather evidence and develop witnesses and statements through interviews.

Investigative Specialization

Develop the skills needed for investigations in such specialized areas as background, insurance fraud, personal injury, surveillance, skip tracing and missing persons.

Optimizing Investigative Resources

This capstone class includes a comprehensive overview of the private investigation profession and the activities and techniques used in the industry. Through projects and case studies, you will have the opportunity to use what you learned in the four previous classes. You will also learn how to create opportunities for employment through contacts, networking and other resources.