What’s included in the cost of the CSI Summer Academy?
Tuition includes all course fees, books, parking permits, course materials, welcome and farewell receptions, and transportation to field visits.

Do I need to bring my own camera?
Yes, you are required to bring your own camera and know how to operate it fully. You should have a basic understanding of photography and know how to operate your camera. It is important that you resolve any mechanical problems with your camera and flash before beginning the program.

Does the tuition have to be paid upfront?
No, you can reserve your place by paying a $500 deposit, with the balance due on or before the first day of class. Call Student Services at (951) 827-4105 for details.

Can I work full-time and participate in the CSI Summer Academy?
The CSI Summer Academy meets in intensive all-day sessions, and includes evening and weekend activities. It is designed for students who can devote the required time during the five weeks it takes to complete the program.

Do I need to be accepted into the University in order to participate in the program?
No, you do not need to apply to UCR. There is no lengthy application process. Simply apply online through our website or contact our Student Services Department at (951) 827-4105.

Will I be able to get a new or better job when I finish the CSI Summer Academy?
Although we do not offer a formal job placement service, you will have the opportunity to network with fellow students and instructors, many of whom are working professionals in the field, which can provide you with valuable employment leads. The Summer Academy also includes a career workshop, to help prepare you for your job search or career advancement.

Is there a specific sequence in which the courses must be taken?
Yes. There is a set schedule for the CSI Summer Academy coursework, and field trips and lectures are pre-planned.

How can I reach a program expert?
Contact Jennifer Campbell, Program Manager, at (951) 827-5804 or sciences@ucx.ucr.edu.
Is there a recommended education level to take this program? Do you require a qualifying exam to enroll?
No prior college coursework is required and you do not need to take any exam to enroll.

Will the skills I obtain from this CSI certificate program be useful only in California?
No. Your CSI skill set can be used in any state, or even in other countries.