



Law & Public Service Program of Study

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Full Course Description

Forensic Science is a course that introduces students to the application of science to connect a violation of law to a specific criminal, criminal act, or behavior and victim. Students will learn terminology and procedures related to the search and examination of physical evidence in criminal cases as they are performed in a typical crime laboratory. Using scientific methods, students will collect and analyze evidence such as fingerprints, bodily fluids, hairs, fibers, paint, glass, and cartridge cases. This course satisfies a science graduation credit.

Prerequisites

Scholars must have fulfilled credit requirements in Biology.

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of the Forensic Science plan of study the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency in the collection, processing, analyses, and evaluation of evidence.
2. Demonstrate competency in the principles of crime scene investigation, including the recognition, collection, identification, preservation, and documentation of physical evidence.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the scientific method and the use of problem-solving within the field of forensic science.
4. Identify the role of the forensic scientist and physical evidence within the criminal justice system.
5. Demonstrate the ability to document and orally describe crime scenes, physical evidence, and scientific processes.
6. Identify and examine current and emerging concepts and practices within the forensic science field.

Course Materials

- Folder or binder
- Notebook or loose leaf paper
- Pen and pencil

Technology Requirements

To participate in learning activities and complete assignments, you will need:

- District Chromebook
- District student email

Course Assignments and Grading

Assignments are worth a daily grade on a scale out of 100 points. Daily assignments are worth 60% of the scholar's grade over all.

Test grades are scaled out of 100 points as well. Tests are worth 40% of the scholar's grade over all.

General Assignment Information

All assignments and coursework will be posted on Schoology in your Forensic Science course.

Evaluation and Grading Scale

All grades will be posted in Skyward. You are strongly encouraged to check your scores in Skyward regularly. A percentage grade will be posted in Skyward for each assignment.

Grading Scale

90% - 100% = A

80% - 89% = B

75% - 79% = C

70% - 74% = D

69% - Below = F

Certificate

Scholars will have the opportunity to earn a certificate of comprehension in Medical Forensic Science.

Scholars will take a pre-exam in September and then take the exam in May. Scholars who earn the certificate will receive a paper and electronic certificate to include in their resumés and applications.

Academic Integrity

You are expected to practice the highest possible standards of academic integrity. Any deviation from this expectation will result in a minimum academic penalty of your failing the assignment, and will result in additional disciplinary measures. This includes improper citation of sources, using another student's work, and any other form of academic misrepresentation.

Plagiarism

Using the words or ideas of another as if they were one's own is a serious form of academic dishonesty. If another person's complete sentence, syntax, key words, or the specific or unique ideas and information are used, one must give that person credit through proper citation.

Class Conduct

Professionalism will be expected at all times. Because the CTE classroom is a place designed for the free exchange of ideas, we must show respect for one another in all circumstances. We will show respect for one another by exhibiting patience and courtesy in our exchanges. Appropriate language and restraint from verbal attacks upon those whose perspectives differ from your own is a minimum requirement. Courtesy and kindness is the norm for those who participate in my class.

Late Work/Make-up Policy

All late work/make-up work aligns with the district policy.

Incomplete Grades

Incompletes will be granted only in accordance with district policy.