

INSTRUCTORS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION**FS 333L Physical Forensic Sciences Laboratory (1)**

Laboratory exercises to analyze various forms of physical evidence. Explores the underlying theory, protocols, and relevance for the examination and interpretation of physical evidence. *Prerequisites: FS 230 or CJ 220.*

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate practical techniques from various forensic disciplines
2. Identify, collect, and preserve various forms of physical evidence
3. Follow protocols for processing various types of evidence
4. Communicate the outcomes and limitations for the analysis of physical evidence

REQUIRED TEXT

James SH, Nordby JJ, Bell S (2014) Forensic Science: An Introduction to Scientific and Investigative Techniques. 4th ed. Boca Raton: CRC Press. ISBN: 978-1-4398-5383-2

KEY POINTS FOR SUCCESS

1. Lab coats, closed-toed shoes, and goggles are required at all times within the laboratory.
2. The maintenance of your personal protective equipment (PPE) is your responsibility. Please inform us immediately if you have issues with your PPE.
3. Attendance and participation is crucial for success in this class and subsequent Forensic Sciences classes.
4. Assigned book chapters must be read before the relevant block.
5. Adhere to the Forensic Sciences Code of Conduct.

6. Check your email and Canvas regularly.

EVALUATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Activity	Points
Post-Laboratory Assignments	100 (10 @ 10 points per)
Take Home Exercise (The THE)	10
Attendance	10 (1 point per session)
The Amazing Forensic 333	20
Total	140

The grading scale is:

100% - 90%	A
89% - 80%	B
79% - 70%	C
69% - 60%	D
≤ 59%	F

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Block	Monday	Chapter	Subject	Notes
1	28, 31 Aug, 1 Sep	1, 2	Introduction, Syllabus Review, Laboratory Safety	Issue Tyvek Suit Class Cancelled: 4, 7 September
2	8, 11, 14 Sep	3	Crime Scene Investigation	Tyvek Suit Required
3	15, 18, 21 Sep	13	Fingerprints I	
4	22, 25, 28 Sep	13	Fingerprints II	
5	29 Sep, 2, 5 Oct	16	Trace Evidence I	
6	6, 9, 12 Oct	16	Take Home Exercise (The THE)	
7	13, 16, 19 Oct	16	Trace Evidence II	
8	20, 23, 26 Oct	14, 15	Firearms and Impressions	Bring laptop: virtual exercise
9	27, 30 Oct, 2 Nov	4	Bloodstain Pattern Analysis	
10	3, 6, 9, Nov	5, 7	Entomology	
11	13, 16, 17 Nov	6	Anthropology	
-	20, 23, 24 Nov	-	-	Class Cancelled: 20, 23, 24 Nov
12	27, 30 Nov, 1 Dec	6	Microanthropology	
13	4, 7, 8 Dec	-	The Amazing Forensic 333	Tyvek Suit Required

ADDITIONAL POLICES

Academic Integrity

You are required to sign and follow the Forensic Sciences Code of Conduct. Violation of the Code of Conduct will result in a hearing in front of the Forensic Sciences Ethics Committee. In addition, students are expected to read and abide by the Student Rules of Conduct which are available in your copy of the Student Handbook. Cheating in the form of plagiarism, collusion, deception and will not be tolerated.

Absences

Each unexcused absence will result in:

- 0 points for attendance
- 0 points for Post-Laboratory Assignment

Unexcused absences for two consecutive weeks may result in being withdrawn from the course by the instructor.

A planned, excused absence must be communicated to the instructor at least one week prior to the laboratory. Necessary arrangements will be made to meet student learning objectives.

An unplanned, excused absence must be communicated to the instructor within one week of the missed laboratory. Necessary arrangements will be made to meet student learning objectives.

Determination of valid excuses for missed classes is at the sole discretion of the instructor.

Laboratory Safety Information

The following guidelines are established to provide instructions in maintaining safety for students, staff, and faculty while using any of the science laboratories at Chaminade University. Students are required to sign a safety contract. In addition to adhering to the safety contract, students are required to follow these two rules:

1. Lab coats, closed-toed shoes, and goggles are required at all times within the laboratory.
2. The maintenance of your personal protective equipment (PPE) is your responsibility. Please inform us immediately if you have issues with your PPE.

The Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM), along with the University Environmental Safety Office are responsible for enforcing the regulations set forth in the current Student Handbook. Queries should be addressed to: Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (808) 440-4204; Environmental Safety Officer (808) 739-4811

ADAA Statement

Pursuant to several federal and state laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, all qualified students with disabilities are protected from discrimination on basis of disability and are eligible for reasonable accommodations or modifications in the academic environment to enable them to enjoy equal access to academic programs, services, or activities. If a student would like to determine if they meet the criteria for accommodations, they should contact the Counseling Center at 808-735-4845 for further information.

Policy on Communication

The University provides a Chaminade email address for all students. Official Chaminade communications will be sent to the students' Chaminade email address and instructors will use this email to communicate with students. It is the responsibility of the student to check their email frequently. Report email-related problems to the Helpdesk at 808-735-4855 or helpdesk@chaminade.edu.

Title IX Declaration

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you want to speak to a confidential source you may contact the Chaminade Counseling Center at (808) 735-4845.

Electronic Devices

Use of music devices is prohibited during all Natural Science and Mathematics classes at Chaminade, unless specifically permitted by your instructor. Use of music devices in laboratories is a safety issue. In addition, use of music devices in any class is discourteous and may lead to suspicion of academic misconduct. Students who cannot comply with this rule will be asked to leave class and may be subject to laboratory safety violation fines. You will be asked to leave class and marked absent if you do not comply. This will negatively affect your grade. Please refer any questions to the Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

The instructor may modify elements of this syllabus according to the operational needs of the class.