



Course Syllabus

Chaminade University Honolulu

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Course Number: FS 490

Course Title: Senior Seminar

Department Name: Forensic Sciences

School Name: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Term: Fall 2020

Course Credits: 1

Class Meeting Days: Friday

Class Meeting Hours: 9:10AM – 10:10AM

Class Location: Online through 11 September

254 Clarence T.C. Ching Hall from 18 September



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Thursdays 10:00AM – 1:00PM

University Course Catalog Description

FS 490 Senior Seminar (1 credit) Discussion and presentation of current issues in forensic science. One oral presentation by each participant required. *Prerequisites:* FS 340/L.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

After completion of this class you will be able to:

1. Identify, develop, and deliver an oral presentation on a topic relevant to forensic sciences.
2. Deliver oral presentation in a range of formats.
3. Actively observe presentations delivered by your peers.
4. Use your experiences and observations to improve your oral presentation skills.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO)

Upon completion of the program in Forensic Sciences, students will have demonstrated the use of:

1. Apply the scientific method in an adaptive and mindful manner
2. Use techniques for recognition, documentation, analysis, and interpretation of physical evidence

3. Implement quality assurance programs, incorporating ethics and professional practice, to act as stewards of justice and peace throughout the broader community
4. Communicate disciplinary knowledge to diverse audiences

Alignment of Learning Outcomes

	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4
CLO 1	X	X	X	
CLO 2			X	X
CLO 3	X			
CLO 4	X	X		X

Marianist Characteristics & Native Hawaiian Values

Education is an integral value in both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture and this class represents one component of your education at Chaminade University of Honolulu. Both recognize the transformative effect of a well-rounded, value-centered education on society, particularly in seeking justice for the marginalized, the forgotten, and the oppressed, always with an eye toward God (Ke Akua). This is reflected in the ‘Olelo No’eau (Hawaiian proverbs) and Marianist core beliefs:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana) E ola au i ke akua (‘Olelo No’eau 364) May I live by God
2. Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na’auao) Lawe i ka ma’alea a kū’ono’ono (‘Olelo No’eau 1957) Acquire skill and make it deep
3. Educate in Family Spirit (‘Ohana) ‘Ike aku, ‘ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai; pela iho la ka nohana ‘ohana (‘Olelo No’eau 1200) Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped; such is a family relationship
4. Educate for Service, Justice and Peace (Aloha) Ka lama kū o ka no’eau (‘Olelo No’eau 1430) Education is the standing torch of wisdom
5. Educate for Adaptation and Change (Aina) ‘A’ohe pau ka ‘ike i ka hālau ho’okahi (‘Olelo No’eau 203) All knowledge is not taught in the same school

This class will focus on an education in the forensic sciences as an education in service, justice, and peace. You will learn that most forensic scientists are public servants that conduct science for the benefit of society. Forensic scientists analyze, and speak for, evidence so that justice can be served and peaceful society can flourish.

Required Learning Materials

You need a laptop or other portable device that can run Zoom and allow you to generate presentation using Google Slides and/or PowerPoint. [You can start a free Zoom account.](#)

Canvas

Canvas will serve as the primary repository for university documents and your grade, which will be updated each week. Canvas will also be used for email communication.

Google Drive

You will receive a link to a shared Google Drive. This drive will be used to house larger files including presentation files, images, videos, and other files related to the class.

Lectures, Tutorial, Videos, & Class Meetings

Although you are required to do most of the talking, you will be provided with a few asynchronous lecture videos. Classes will still be held via Zoom as scheduled however, some of these classes will be used to review the content of these videos. Zoom invitations will be provided.

Asynchronous attendance – it is possible that you may not be able to attend some or all classes at the regularly scheduled time. Contact me at david.carter@chaminade.edu to schedule a time to meet outside of regularly scheduled class or make another acceptable arrangement.

Tentative Class Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Notes
1	28 Aug	Introduction, Syllabus Review, Topic Discussion	
2	4 Sep	Topic Allocation, Scheduling, Advice	
3	11 Sep	Presentation 1 – Live via Zoom: 10 – 12 minutes	
4	18 Sep	Presentation 1 – Live via Zoom: 10 – 12 minutes	
5	25 Sep	Presentation 1 – Live via Zoom: 10 – 12 minutes	
6	2 Oct	Debrief and Discussion	
7	9 Oct	Presentation 2 – Live via Zoom: 5 – 7 minutes	
8	16 Oct	Presentation 2 – Live via Zoom: 5 – 7 minutes	
9	23 Oct	Presentation 2 – Live via Zoom: 5 – 7 minutes	
10	30 Oct	Debrief and Discussion	
11	6 Nov	Presentation 3 Due – Recorded: 5 – 7 minutes	
12	13 Nov	Debrief and Discussion	
13	20 Nov	Exit Assessment	

EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE AND GRADING

All grades will be posted in Canvas within one week of assignment/exam submission. Attendance & Participation grades will be posted to Canvas on a weekly basis. Your grade will be kept current all semester. You are encouraged to contact me at david.carter@chaminade.edu at any time to discuss your grades. I strongly encourage you to check your grades regularly.

All presentations are due on the date scheduled for your seminar. Your presentation dates will be set during the second week of class. Late presentations will lose 5 points per day late.

Seminars

The bulk of your grade is related to your oral presentations. To help you acquire experience in the development and delivery of effective seminars, you are provided with a Seminar Scenario. After all, every presentation you present will have some context – no one ever asks for a presentation because they can't think of anything else to do. Every presentation must serve a clear purpose.

Seminar Scenario

You are a successful and highly regarded forensic scientist in the discipline of your choice. The City and County of Honolulu wants to make a new Department of Forensic Sciences and the Mayor wants to know the forensic science discipline that you recommend being part of the new Department. The Mayor wants to know the #1 discipline that the new Department must have, absolutely no matter what. You need to prepare a series of presentations that can be used to educate the Mayor, other community leaders, and the general public so that this new Department can be voted on during the next election cycle.

You need to develop three presentations to promote your decision: one will be a little longer than the others so that you can provide greater detail to your audience. Another presentation will be a little shorter for events where time is limited. Finally, you need to prepare a recorded version of your short presentation so that it can be shared amongst the community's decision makers.

Target Audience: General Public, Community Groups, Political Leaders

Primary Questions of Interest: What is the discipline that you recommend? What does that discipline do? What does it provide to the community? Why is this the discipline that you recommend?

Oral Presentations

You are required to deliver 3 oral presentations. The first presentation, which will be delivered live, is required to be 10 – 12 minutes in duration. The 2nd live presentation will be a little bit shorter, 5 – 7 minutes, for situations when your time is limited. The third presentation will be a recorded presentation and is also required to be 5 – 7 minutes in duration.

1. Live Presentation: 10 – 12 minutes – You will present to the class and receive feedback so that you can use to improve your presentation and develop a shorter version. You must begin this presentation by introducing yourself before sharing your screen.
2. Live Presentation: 5 – 7 minutes – This should be a shorter version of your first talk. You really need to focus on the main points and deliver your information clearly. You must begin this presentation by introducing yourself before sharing your screen.

3. Recorded Presentation: 5 – 7 Minutes – You will record your presentation in Zoom and upload it to our shared Google Drive. Like the live presentations, you must begin this presentation by introducing yourself before sharing your screen.

Question Time

Asking and answering questions are arguably the most difficult aspects of a presentation so it is a good skill to learn. Each live presentation will be followed by 2 – 3 minutes of question time. Every student is required to ask at least one question per presentation. You have two options here – you can either ask your question live during Question Time or you can submit your question to the presenter via the Discussion Board. All questions for the Recorded Presentation will be submitted through the Discussion Board. Presenters are required to reply to every question. An example post is available in the Discussion Board.

You will earn two points per question asked. Questions must be thoughtful, respectful, and constructive. All questions are due by 4:30PM on the date of the presentation. Late questions will receive 50% credit (1 point).

Attendance

We will meet as scheduled via Zoom. All students are expected to attend all Zoom classes. Attendance will be recorded and count toward your final grade. You will earn 2 points per class period but don't be fooled! These points can come in very handy at the end of the semester.

Asynchronous attendance – it is possible that you may not be able to attend some or all classes at the regularly scheduled time. Contact me at david.carter@chaminade.edu to schedule a time to meet outside of regularly scheduled class or make another acceptable arrangement. All presentations will be recorded so that you can watch them before the next class period.

Debrief & Discussion

We will meet on Zoom after each round of presentations to share our experiences and use them to prepare for the next round of presentations. These sessions will be recorded and available if you are unable to attend live.

Assessment & Grading Scale

Assignment	Points Possible
Attendance & Participation	48 @ 2 points per question
Live Zoom: 10 – 12 minutes	50
Live Zoom: 5 – 7 minutes	50
Recorded Presentation	50
Total	198

Letter grades are given in all courses except those conducted on a credit/no credit basis. Grades are calculated from the student's daily work, class participation, quizzes, tests, term papers, reports and the final examination. They are interpreted as follows:

Letter Grade Scale

100% - 90%	A – Outstanding scholarship and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative
89% - 80%	B – Superior work done in a consistent and intellectual manner
79% - 70%	C – Average grade indicating a competent grasp of subject matter
69% - 60%	D – Inferior work of the lowest passing grade, not satisfactory for fulfillment of prerequisite course work
≤ 59%	F – Failed to grasp the minimum subject matter; no credit earned.

Instructor and Student Communication

Questions for this course can be emailed to the instructor at david.carter@chaminade.edu. Online, in-person and phone conferences can also be arranged.

Academic Conduct Policy

From the Undergraduate Catalog:

Any community must have a set of rules and standards of conduct by which it operates. At Chaminade, these standards are outlined so as to reflect both the Catholic, Marianist values of the institution and to honor and respect students as responsible adults. All alleged violations of the community standards are handled through an established student conduct process, outlined in the Student Handbook, and operated within the guidelines set to honor both students' rights and campus values.

Students should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the ideals of the University. This includes knowing and respecting the intent of rules, regulations, and/or policies presented in the Student Handbook, and realizing that students are subject to the University's jurisdiction from the time of their admission until their enrollment has been formally terminated. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more details. A copy of the Student Handbook is available on the Chaminade website.

Technical Assistance for Canvas Users

- Search for help on specific topics at help.instructure.com
- [Chat live with Canvas Support 24/7/365](#)
- Watch this [video to get you started](#) with online guides and tutorials
- Contact the Chaminade IT Helpdesk for technical issues: helpdesk@chaminade.edu, or call (808) 735-4855

Tutoring and Writing Services

Chaminade is proud to offer free, one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance to all students. Tutoring and writing help is available on campus at Kōkua `Ike: Center for Student Learning in a variety of subjects (including, but are not limited to: biology, chemistry, math, nursing, English, etc.) from trained Peer and Professional Tutors. Please check Kōkua `Ike's website (<https://chaminade.edu/advising/kokua-ike/>) for the latest times, list of drop-in hours, and information on scheduling an appointment. Free online tutoring is also available via Smarthinking. Smarthinking can be

accessed 24/7 from your Canvas account. Simply click Account – Notifications – Smarthinking. For more information, please contact Kōkua `Ike at tutoring@chaminade.edu or 808-739-8305.

Cell phones, tablets, and laptops

Out of consideration for your classmates, please set your cell phone to silent mode during class. Students are encouraged to bring laptops or tablets to class as the instructor will assign online activities and readings that will require the use of a laptop or tablet. Laptops and tablets should not be misused, such as checking distracting websites. Use your best judgment and respect your classmates and instructor.

Disability Access

Chaminade University of Honolulu is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities. Any student who believes that they may need accommodations must first register with the Counseling Center. Registration with the Counseling Center begins the process of determining whether the student meets the requirements for a documented disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), even if accommodations may not be needed for this particular class. The contact information for the Counseling Center is (808) 735-4845, 739-4603, or by email at counselingcenter@chaminade.edu. It is important for students to contact the Counseling Center as soon as possible so that accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion and to allow your instructor(s) to plan accordingly. Students will be required to provide written documentation to the Counseling Center in order for a determination to be made as to whether the requirements for a documented disability under the ADA are met.

Failure to provide written documentation through the Counseling Center will prevent your instructor from making the necessary accommodations, instructors cannot provide accommodations unless they have been prescribed by the Counseling Center. Once you have received an official notice of accommodations from the Counseling Center, it is also very important to discuss these accommodations directly with your instructor so that they can better support your needs. If you have specific questions regarding your individualized accommodations you may speak directly with your instructor and/or you may contact the Counseling Center.

Title IX Compliance

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. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources by visiting Campus Ministry, the Dean of Students Office, the Counseling Center, or the Office for Compliance and Personnel Services.

Attendance Policy

The following attendance policy is from the Undergraduate Catalog.

Students are expected to attend regularly all courses for which they are registered. Students should notify their instructors when illness or other extenuating circumstances prevents them from attending class and make arrangements to complete missed assignments. Notification may be done by emailing the instructor's Chaminade email address, calling the instructor's campus extension, or by leaving a message with the instructor's main office. It is the instructor's prerogative to modify deadlines of course requirements accordingly. Any student who stops attending a course without officially withdrawing may

receive a failing grade. Unexcused absences equivalent to more than a week of classes may lead to a grade reduction for the course. Any unexcused absence of two consecutive weeks or more may result in being withdrawn from the course by the instructor, although the instructor is not required to withdraw students in that scenario. Repeated absences put students at risk of failing grades.

Students with disabilities who have obtained accommodations from the Chaminade University of Honolulu ADA Coordinator may be considered for an exception when the accommodation does not materially alter the attainment of the learning outcomes. Federal regulations require continued attendance for continuing payment of financial aid. When illness or personal reasons necessitate continued absence, the student should communicate first with the instructor to review the options. Anyone who stops attending a course without official withdrawal may receive a failing grade or be withdrawn by the instructor at the instructor's discretion.