

FSCI 3716 - Forensic Science Evidence Analysis

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Course Description

3716. Forensic Science Evidence Analysis. Serves as an introduction to the techniques, instrumentation and procedures used in the examination and analysis of physical evidence in a forensic laboratory setting and the legal aspects regarding the use of laboratory reports in the investigation process. Concurrent with FSCI 3716L. Prereq.: FSCI 3714, FSCI 3714L. 2 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Optional	Forensic Science: From the Crime Scene to the Crime Lab (5th Ed.).	Saferstein, R.	9780135333396

The text is not required, but can be considered a resource for supplementary information. All material necessary for successful completion the course will be provided through slide presentations, associated lectures, videos, and other assignments made available by the instructor through the Blackboard platform.

Recommended Text: Saferstein, R. (2026). *Forensic Science: From the Crime Scene to the Crime Lab* (5th Ed.). New Jersey: Pearson Education, Inc. **(Earlier edition available on closed reserve at Maag Library)** You may use a closed reserve text **for free** within the confines of the Maag Library for three hours per session. Simply request the text at the Maag Circulation Desk.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	10/5	Drugs and Drug Anal	Exam 1 available
Mon	10/26	Forensic Toxicology	Exam 2 available

Mon	11/2		Article Critique due
Mon	11/30	DNA Anal	Exam 3 available

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