

FSCI 4854 - Death Investigation

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 42843,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Public Instructor Information

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Masters, Criminalistics, Gannon University, May 2020

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Course Description

4854. Death Investigation. A broad overview exploring the various facets of medicolegal death investigation including discussion of history, standard procedures, methods and techniques, safety, scene documentation, cause and manner of death determination, autopsy, toxicological analysis, and other issues related to the discipline. Course content will include graphic images, descriptions, and discussion. May include depictions of a sexual nature, nudity, the aftermath of violent actions, and/or catastrophe. Prereq.: Junior standing or permission of instructor. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
No Readings.			

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	8/24	Syllabus/Overview	
Wed	8/26	Section One	
Mon	8/31	Section Two	
Wed	9/2	Section Three	
Mon	9/7		
Wed	9/9	Section Four	Article Review One Due
Mon	9/14	Exam Review	
Wed	9/16	Exam One	
Mon	9/21	Section Five	
Wed	9/23	Guest Speaker	
Mon	9/28	Section Five	
Wed	9/30	Section Five	Article Review Two Due
Mon	10/5	Section Six	
Wed	10/7	Section Six	



Mon	10/12	Section Six	
Wed	10/14	Section Six	Article Three Due
Mon	10/19	Exam Review	
Wed	10/21	Exam Two	
Mon	10/26	Section Seven	
Wed	10/28	Section Seven	
Mon	11/2	Condo Day	
Wed	11/4	Section Eight	Article Review Four Due
Mon	11/9	Section Eight	
Wed	11/11		
Mon	11/16	Section Eight	
Wed	11/18	Section Eight	Article Review Five Due
Mon	11/23	Section Eight	
Wed	11/25		
Mon	11/30	Section Eight	
Wed	12/2	Exam Three	Mock Case Project Due
Mon	12/7	Exam Review	
Wed	12/9	Final Exam	

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