

Library Liaison

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Course Assignments

1. Exams (40%): Two midterms, one final exam. Format may include multiple choice, fill-in, short answer, short essay, and diagrams. (all CLO)
2. Practical Exercises (40%): Hands on exercises in recognizing signs of death, decomposition stages, wound patterns, identification methods, report writing and evidence collection. (CLO 3 & 4)
3. Reading Notes (10%): Students will submit details reading notes for all required readings.
4. Group Presentation (5%): Topic to be determined. Details and guidelines will be provided. (all CLO)
5. Final Mock Death Scene Exercise/Narrative Report (5%) (CLO 4)

Final Examination or Evaluation

Students will participate in a mock death scene final project and take a final exam.

Grading Information

A plus	97 to 100
A	94 to 96.9
A minus	90 to 93.9
B plus	87 to 89.9
B	84 to 86.9
B minus	80 to 83.9
C plus	77 to 79.9
C	74 to 76.9
C minus	70 to 73.9
D plus	67 to 69.9
D	64 to 66.9
D minus	60 to 63.9
F	<60

All assignments are graded based on adherence to accuracy, directions, thoroughness, thoughtfulness, clarity, and logic.

Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities may be available throughout the semester and will be used to augment the final grade up to 4%.

- Interview a professional in the death investigation field and write a 3-5 page, typed, double-spaced synopsis of their experiences and perspective. Include reflection on your interests in the field, and if/how they have changed.

Professor will provide list of professionals-Criminalists, Autopsy Technician, Homicide Detective, CSI Officer, Medical Examiner and Death Investigator

Class Policies

- No cell phones in class: Turn them off and put them away.
- No photography of casework presented-Failure to abide shall result in disciplinary action.

Academic Dishonesty

Students who are suspected of cheating during an exam will be referred to the Student Conduct and Ethical Development office and depending on the severity of the conduct, will receive a zero on the assignment or a grade of F in the course. Grade Forgiveness does not apply to courses for which the original grade was the result of a finding of academic dishonesty.

University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9](#), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo>), which is hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Education. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

Important Dates this Semester

8/31/2021: Last Day to Drop Without a W

9/8/2021: Last Day to Add a Course, Last Day to Request CR/NC

11/12/2021: Last Day to Submit Late Drop/Withdrawal Request

160- Death Investigations Fall 2021 Course Schedule

Week	Date	In-Class Topics	Due	Readings, Assignments
1	8/19	Introduction and Class Overview TV vs Real Life-The Death Investigator		Body of Proof- Assignment DiMaio Ch 1 Bucholtz Ch 1
2	8/26	Coroner vs. Medical Examiner-OMProof		