



## Marshall University Forensic Science Program

<b>Course Title/Number</b>	FSC 606 Crime Scene and Death Investigation
<b>Semester/Year</b>	Fall 2024
<b>Days/Time</b>	Tuesday 3:30 to 6:30pm (3 Credit Hours)
<b>Location</b>	MUFSC WW2
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<b>Office Hours</b>	Call/email to set up an appointment.
<b>University Policies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By enrolling in this course, you agree to the University Policies listed below. Please read the full text of each policy by going to <a href="http://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/policies/">www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/policies/</a>.</li> <li>• Academic Dishonesty Policy</li> <li>• Academic Dismissal Policy</li> <li>• Academic Forgiveness Policy</li> <li>• Academic Probation and Suspension Policy</li> <li>• Affirmative Action Policy</li> <li>• Pre-Finals Week Policy</li> <li>• D/F Repeat Rule</li> <li>• Excused Absence Policy for Undergraduates</li> <li>• Inclement Weather Policy</li> <li>• Sexual Harassment Policy- Title IX prohibits the harassment of students based on sex, which includes pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions. This includes that students will not be penalized for taking medically necessary leave related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related conditions. Marshall's Title IX Office may be contacted at <a href="mailto:TitleIX@marshall.edu">TitleIX@marshall.edu</a></li> <li>• Students with Disabilities (Policies and Procedures)</li> <li>• University Computing Services Acceptable Use Policy</li> </ul>

### Course Description

Establishes foundations and techniques for proper crime scene investigation with or without a victim's body. Logical approach for collecting evidence and documenting scene and collection process.

<b>Course student learning outcomes</b>	<b>How students will practice each outcome in this course</b>	<b>How student achievement of each outcome will be assessed in this course</b>
Students will...be able to outline and discuss the steps taken during the process of crime scene investigation. (comprehension)	Active listening during lecture and practical demonstrations	Exam questions and practical exercises
Students will...be able to recognize the physiological changes that take place to the human body during injury and after death. (comprehension)	Active listening during lecture	Exam questions

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Students will... perform the required practices of the crime scene investigation process. (application)	Practical exercises	Practical exercises and exam questions
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## Required/Recommended Texts, Additional Reading, and Other Materials

**Required:** None

**Recommended:** *Practical Crime Scene Processing and Investigation* by Ross Gardner and Donna Krouskup, 2019 ISBN: 13:978-1-138-04778-5

## General Rules/Course Requirements/Due Dates

- Students are expected to attend class, listen, be non-disruptive, take notes and participate in class discussion. Respect the opinions of others.
- Any assignments or lecture notes missed will be the responsibility of the student to obtain.
- Cell phones/electronic devices are to be used for emergency purposes only.
- If food or drinks are brought in to the classroom, be considerate by cleaning up.
- Cheating on exams or plagiarism of written assignments will not be tolerated. Cheating will result in a zero rating on the exam/written assignment.
- Because of my primary responsibilities, I am subject to callout. This could result in last minute class cancellation or class interruption. In the event that this should occur I will make every effort to notify students as soon as possible.
- Make-up exams are to be given at the discretion of the instructor, if: 1) a valid reason for missing the exam exists, and 2) timing permits. Make-up days will not be during the regular instruction time. A student may not expect to make up more than one exam. If a student misses two exams, the first missed exam will receive a grade of zero.
- The sharing or dispersal of any images or recordings from the material presented as a result of this course is strictly prohibited and will result in a failing score for the course.

## COVID-19 Related Information

Marshall's official COVID-19 protocols are online at <https://www.marshall.edu/coronavirus> (URL: <https://www.marshall.edu/coronavirus/>).

## Campus Carry Policy

University Policy, UPGA-12 (Campus Carry Policy) derives its authority from West Virginia State law, including the Campus Self-defense Act (W. Va. Code § 18B-4-5b). It pertains to the exercise of Concealed Carry on Marshall University's campus, except in designated areas, by individuals with a valid permit to Conceal Carry.

Individuals who choose to Conceal Carry are responsible for knowing and understanding all applicable federal, state, and local laws and Marshall University Board of Governors Rules, University Policies, and Administrative Procedures. University Policy, UPGA-12 applies to areas of campus and buildings that are directly under the possession or control of Marshall University.

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Concealed Handguns are not observable to others and must be holstered and concealed on the body of the permit holder or in a personal carrier, such as a backpack, purse, or other bag that remains under the exclusive and uninterrupted control of the permit holder. This includes wearing the personal carrier with a strap, carrying or holding the personal carrier, or setting the personal carrier next to or within your immediate reach at all times. If your participation in class activities impedes your ability to maintain constant control of your Handgun, please make alternate arrangements prior to coming to class.

### Grading Policy

Ten point grading scale will be used.

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

There will be 2 exams. A mid-term and a final. There will be graded practical exercises to complete. If a student has shown effort to attend and participate, any final grade that is one point from an increased letter grade could be rounded up by the instructor.

Mid-Term Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%
Practical 1	12.5%
Practical 2	12.5%
Mock Crime Scene & Report	25%
Total	100%

### Class Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend class when possible or be present during live video streaming when applicable. If a student misses class for a valid reason such as illness, death in family, job interview, the absence will not count against the student. Valid determination is discretionary by the instructor and will be discussed with the student when notified. If in quarantine and asymptomatic, the student will be expected to attend live on-line streams of the class. The student will be responsible for any missed work or lecture notes.

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**Course Schedule** ([Marshall University Academic Calendar](http://www.marshall.edu/academic-calendar/) (URL: <http://www.marshall.edu/academic-calendar/>)).

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic / Practical</b>
Week 1	Aug. 20	Lecture 1: Intros/Crime Scene Investigation Overview & Ethics
Week 2	Aug. 27	Lecture 1: Intros/Crime Scene Investigation Overview & Ethics
Week 3	Sept. 3	Lecture 2: Crime Scene Initial Phases
Week 4	Sept. 10	Lecture 3: Documentation
Week 5	Sept. 17	Documentation Practical
Week 6	Sept. 24	Lecture 4: Searching & Evidence Collection
Week 7	Oct. 1	Mid Term Exam
Week 8	Oct. 8	Lecture 5: Impression Evidence
Week 9	Oct. 15	Impression Practical
Week 10	Oct. 22	Lecture 6: Advanced Processes
Week 11	Oct. 29	Mock Crime Scene
Week 12	Nov. 5	Lecture 7: Report Writing
Week 13	Nov. 12	Lecture 8: Death & Injury 1
Week 14	Nov. 19	Lecture 8: Death & Injury 2 (Reports Due)
Week 15	Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Break
Week 16	Dec. 3	Review
Week 17	Dec. 10	Final Exam