



Philadelphia University
Faculty of law-
Department of -----
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Course Syllabus

Course Title: : Forensic Medicine	Course code: 420475
Course Level: : fourth year	Course prerequisite (s) and/or corequisite (s): : Law of Criminal Procedure
Lecture Time:	Credit hours: 3 Credit Hours

Academic Staff Specifics

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Course module description:

Module name: Forensic medicine Prerequisite: Criminal law of procedure
Module number: 420475 Module number: 420493

This is an introduction to forensic medicine and the manner of utilizing forensic physicians in particular, and other doctors in general, and medical laboratories for purposes of investigation and trials, understanding the content of medical reports, the ability to discuss them, and to divulge judicial deaths, and to have an autopsy, and wounds, drowning, choking and other criminal actions on a scientific basis that serves the cause of justice.

Course module objectives:

- 1. provide students with the basic knowledge relevant to the topics of forensic medicine and medical reports and criminal cases**
- 2. develop students cognitive skills in discussing and analyzing facts and conducts in the framework of forensic medicine**
- 3. develop students practical skills in applying acquired theoretical knowledge of forensic medicine into actual cases, in addition to developing their ability to discuss medical reports and understand their contents**

Course/ module components

- Books (title , author (s), publisher, year of publication)
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- Support material (s) (vcs, acs, etc).
- Study guide (s) (if applicable)
- Homework and laboratory guide (s) if (applicable).

Workshop to discuss and examine a selection of forensic medical reports (in the multi-purposes room)
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Brining in an outside lecturer

Field visit

Teaching methods:

Lectures, discussion groups, tutorials, problem solving, debates, etc.

Methods	Number of Lectures	Scores' distribution
Lectures	40	90%
Multipurpose room and field visits	4	5%
Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions	4	5%
Quizzes and Assignments	---	---
Paper research & Essays (maximum of 3000words)	---	---
Total	48	100%

Learning outcomes:

- Knowledge and understanding

At the end of this module, a student will be able to:

A/1 understand the principles and conceptions related to forensic medicine , its basis and actual cases as well as how to benefit from it in understanding a lot of criminal cases, their explanations and the way they occur

A/2 display knowledge in the basis of forensic medicine along as its court applications

A/4 understand topics relevant to forensic medicine especially the basic medical information and its significance, medical reports and the procedures by medical laboratories

- Cognitive skills (thinking and analysis).

B/1 apply acquired theoretical knowledge in the field of forensic medicine into actual practical cases which require a level of understanding for the topics relevant forensic medicine and medical reports

- Communication skills (personal and academic).

C/1 find logical solutions to real and/or presumed problems related to Forensic Medicine

- Practical and subject specific skills (Transferable Skills).
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Assessment instruments

- Short reports and/ or presentations, and/ or Short research projects
- Quizzes.
- Home works
- Final examination: 50 marks

<u>Allocation of Marks</u>	
Assessment Instruments	Mark
First examination	20%
Second examination	20%
Final examination: 50 marks	50%
Reports, research projects, Quizzes, Home works, Projects	10%
Total	100%

Documentation and academic honesty

- Documentation style (with illustrative examples)

- Protection by copyright
- Avoiding plagiarism.

Course/module academic calendar

This module consists of (48) hours allocated into (16) weeks, (3) hours a week, divided as follows:

Week	Subject	Notes
1 st	Expertise in criminal cases, texts in the law of criminal procedures, texts in general procedures of the prosecutions	
2 nd	Expertise from a legal viewpoint, annulment rulings	
3 rd	Criminal expertise issues, forensic medicine, forensic medical reports	
4 th	Death, fingerprints, identifying unidentified bodies	
5 th	Sudden death, wounds	
6 th	Terminal disabilities, fractures, Isfexia, medical reports samples	
7 th	Burns, poisons	
8 th	Firearms, sexual Intercourse	
9 th	assault indecently, rape, abortion	
10 th	Public prosecution procedures for forensic medicine and medical bills, samples of medical reports	
11 th	Forensic psychiatric medicine, general procedures texts by the prosecutions	
12 th	Forgery from the viewpoint of legal jurisprudence, material forgery, incorporeal forgery, technical forgery, samples of documents forgery cases	
13 th	Currency forgery from a legal and technical points of view	
14 th	Technical criminal quest, technical inspection	
15 th	Technical disclosure of some crimes	
16 th	Texts of expertise regulating law, expertise texts in demonstration Law, rules for annulment of expertise	

Expected workload:

On average students need to spend 2 hours of study and preparation for each 50-minute lecture/tutorial.

Attendance policy:

Absence from lectures and/or tutorials shall not exceed 15%. Students who exceed the 15% limit without a medical or emergency excuse acceptable to and approved by the Dean of the relevant college/faculty shall not be allowed to take the final examination and shall receive a mark of zero for the course. If the excuse is approved by the Dean, the student shall be considered to have withdrawn from the course.

Module references

Books

Journals

Websites

www.oup.co.uk/crimin

www.talton.law.utexas.edu/journals/aicl/index.htm