

BPS 102 Criminal Investigation: Scientific Evidence I- Spring 2011

DATE	LOC	SUBJECT	READINGS
7-Jan	URI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Homicide Investigations •Case Presentations •Role of Death Investigators at the ME's office 	Gir: Chapters 1 & 2
14-Jan	RI ME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Medical Examiner •DNA •Toxicology •Drug Chemistry 	Handouts Gir: Chapter 13 Gir: Chapter 12 Gir: Chapter 11
21-Jan	URI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •RISP Video Enhancement/Support Services •BVDA - Gel Lift Workshop •Firearms Case Presentations 	Handouts
28-Jan	URI URI URI UFD	<i>Group 1</i> -Blood Spatter <i>Group 2</i> -Digital Enhancement and FP Charting <i>Group 3</i> -Palm Prints <i>Group 4</i> - Shooting Reconstruction	Handouts Rob: Chp 8 & Handouts Handouts Handouts
4-Feb	URI URI UFD URI	<i>Group 1</i> -Digital Enhancement and FP Charting <i>Group 2</i> - Blood Spatter <i>Group 3</i> -Shooting Reconstruction <i>Group 4</i> - Palm Prints	Rob: Chp 8 & Handouts Handouts Handouts Handouts
11-Feb	URI UFD URI URI	<i>Group 1</i> -Palm Prints <i>Group 2</i> -Shooting Reconstruction <i>Group 3</i> -Blood Spatter <i>Group 4</i> - Digital Enhancement and FP Charting	Handouts Handouts Handouts Rob: Chp 8 & Handouts
18-Feb	UFD URI URI URI	<i>Group 1</i> -Shooting Reconstruction <i>Group 2</i> - Palm Prints <i>Group 3</i> -Digital Enhancement and FP Charting <i>Group 4</i> -Blood Spatter	Handouts Handouts Rob: Chp 8 & Handouts Handouts
25-Feb	URI	*****School Vacation-NO CLASS*****	
4-Mar	URI	*****MIDTERM EXAMINATION***** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Quality Submissions •Ken Zercie Case Presentations 	Handouts
11-Mar	URI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Internet/Digital Crimes-RISP •Permanance of Friction Ridge Skin-Mark Zabinski 	Gir: Chapter 15
18-Mar	URI	•Practical Exercises	

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25-Mar	URI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Arson •Explosives and Post-Blast Investigation •Expert Witness Testimony/Moot Court <p>*****<i>Photo Notebook and Fingerprint Chart Due</i>*****</p>	<p>Gir: Chapter 10 Gir: Chapter 16</p>
1-Apr	URI	***** <i>Practical Case Presentations</i> *****	
8-Apr	URI	***** <i>Practical Case Presentations</i> ***** FINAL EXAMINATION	

Textbooks:

Crime Scene Photography - Edward M. Robinson

Introduction to Fingerprint Comparison - Gary W. Jones

Criminalistics: Forensic Science, Crime, and Terrorism - James E Girard

Grading:

FP Chart: 5%

Exams (2): 25%

Photo Notebook: 35%

Presentation: 35%

Workshop Locations

Blood Spatter: Fogarty Hall Room 28

Digital Enhancement: Quinn Hall Room 217

Palm Prints: Fogarty Hall Room 120

Shooting Reconstruction: Union Fire District: 131 Asa Pond Rd, Peace Dale RI 02880 - <http://unionfiredistrict.com/>

Snow Policy: The Months of January, February and March present a challenge to this course due to snow storms. Because missing a class day for this course is equivalent to missing a week's worth of course time, we rarely cancel class. Even if the University announces that it will be closed on a Friday due to weather, we may still hold class if travel is relatively safe.

If class is cancelled, you will be notified by e-mail and/or phone calls.

"This is a challenging course. Success requires that you attend class regularly, keep pace with the work, understand course concepts, and study effectively. Students are expected to be honest in all academic work. A student's name on any written work, quiz or exam shall be regarded as assurance that the work is the result of the student's own independent thought and study. Student's are advised to seek assistance from course instructors or the course director when they are having trouble with concepts and assignments."

