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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4      **Credit Value:** 24      **Total Delivered Hours:** 62

**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 178

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	29
Off Site	24
Practical	6
Seminar	3

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Test	test	Phase test	30	
Report	Notebook	Field notebook	40	
Presentation	Presentati	Group Presentation	30	

## **Aims**

*To introduce basic legal concepts, rules of evidence handling, basic archaeological techniques and outdoor crime scene protocols*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand basic legal concepts, court structure and proceedings
- 2 Identify rules relating to the chain of custody, evidence handling, collection and tracking
- 3 Discuss archaeological methods of locating graves
- 4 Explain proper crime scene investigation protocols

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Phase test	1	2	
Field notebook	3	4	
Group Presentation	1	2	4

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Outdoor Crime scene investigation and protocols. Basic legal concepts. Court structure and expert witness testimony. Chain of custody and evidence handling. Rules governing evidence collection, tracking and analysis. Homicide and death scene investigation. Grave location, archaeological methods.*

## **Learning Activities**

Material will be delivered through lectures, practicals and a fieldtrip

## **Notes**

This module provides an introduction to outdoor crime scene investigation, including identifying, collecting, handling and processing physical evidence as well as the laws governing death scene investigation.