

Summary Information

Module Code	7111PS
Formal Module Title	Forensic and Medicolegal Death
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	24
Seminar	12

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. To introduce students to a core of foundational concepts of criminal investigations, understand, explain, analyse and evaluate causes, sustainment and consequences of a processing a death scene.2. To encourage students to reflect upon, explain, analyse and evaluate critical evidence beyond a basic first responder response to investigate homicides (i.e. infant, child, and adult).3. To critically analyse and evaluate the central issues surrounding death investigations. 4. To critically analyse and evaluate the investigative indications of foul play at death scenes.5. To critically analyse and evaluate relevant forensic evidence that can be used in part with a death investigation.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Analyse and evaluate criminal evidence at homicide scenes and how evidence is used in homicide investigations
MLO2	2	Analyse and evaluate the different methods of conducting a homicide investigation.
MLO3	3	Analyse and evaluate the forensic indicators between a suicide, homicide, and accidental death
MLO4	4	Analyse and evaluate the various forensic methods used in death investigations (i.e. toxicology, anthropology, pathology, odontology, etc.) and how these scientific methods aid in conducting a death investigation.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Recognition, Protection, Documentation and Collection of Physical Evidence Crime Scene Safety and Hazardous Forensics Identification of human remains and forensic entomology Homicide Investigations Establishment of probable location of injury or illness Post mortem changes after death Bloodstain Pattern Interpretation Biological Evidence on the Human Body Anatomical Considerations: Recovering buried remains Bite mark identification and forensic odontology Sudden and Unexpected deaths from natural causes Childhood deaths Blunt Force Trauma/ Sharp Force Trauma Gunshot injuries Asphyxia versus Strangulation Suicide Indicators Bodies recovered in water: Suicide, homicide, or accident? Drug Overdoses Vehicular-related injuries/ deaths Critical disasters and Terrorist Incidents Fire and post-blast bomb homicide scene investigations
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This module takes cognisance of the National Occupational Standards – AA1, AB,AE1 & CB1. This module takes cognisance of the National Occupational Standards- CB1 / CJ101/ GC10 & BE2.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay	60	0	MLO2, MLO3, MLO1
Presentation	Presentation	40	0	MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Heather Panter	Yes	N/A
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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