

Investigation of Unnatural and Suspicious Deaths

This is a self-paced class with continuous enrollment

Cost: \$25.00

Together with deaths from gunshot wounds, the overwhelming majority of unnatural or suspicious deaths are due to roughly a dozen or so causes. This course presents a detailed, advanced study of these various causes (excluding those caused by firearms which are of such extreme importance they are dealt with in their own course **Advanced Forensic Investigative Techniques: Ballistics** – see this site). Also included are an assortment of the types of natural deaths that are commonly investigated by Coroners and Medical Examiners.

This course focuses on such death investigations from the standpoints of both the death investigator and law enforcement officer. Not only does it deal with scene investigations, but it also covers typical autopsy findings for these various causes of death. It is intended for anyone considering a career as a law enforcement officer, coroner, medical examiner, or in criminal investigations of any type. While this is an advanced course, there are no prerequisites, and no textbook purchase is required. The twelve lessons are supplemented with Case Studies and Exams to test the student's abilities. Students will need a calculator, paper, and pencil.

WARNING: Some material presented in this class is of a graphic nature and may be offensive to some students. Viewer discretion is advised.

The course will deal at length with the following Topics:

- Lesson 1 – Autopsy Procedure & Outcome: Cause & Manner of Death Determination
- Lesson 2 – Blunt Force Trauma Fatalities
- Lesson 3 – Asphyxiation, Hanging, Strangulation, & Drowning
- Lesson 4 – Automobile and Industrial Fatalities
- Lesson 5 – Fatalities Caused by Explosions and Fires
- Lesson 6 – Electrocutation and Lightning Fatalities
- Lesson 7 – Ethanol and Drug Related Deaths
- Lesson 8 – Poisoning Fatalities
- Lesson 9 – Death from Environmental Factors: Hypo- and Hyperthermic Deaths
- Lesson 10 – Fatalities Caused by Animal Attacks
- Lesson 11 – Sharp Force Trauma
- Lesson 12 – Deaths with a Dark Side – Autoerotic and Occult Cases

Students have the opportunity to purchase certificates upon successful completion of the course.

Grading Policy

- A = 100 - 90
- B = 89 - 80
- C = 79 - 70
- D = 69 - 60
- F = 59 – Below

This course is worth 2 Continuing Education Units (2 CEUs)

- A score of 90% and above entitles the student to purchase a **Certificate of Academic Excellence**
- A score of 80-89% entitles the student to purchase a **Certificate of Merit**
- A score of 75% entitles the student to purchase a **Certificate of Appreciation**

Certificates cost \$25 and can be purchased after completion of the course.

Disclaimer

This class is for informational or refresher purposes, not certification. It cannot be substituted for any state, government, licensing, or educational requirements.

Questions?

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