

Cold Spring Harbor Junior-Senior High School Forensic Science Syllabus

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Forensic Science applies the knowledge and technology of science for the definition and enforcement of laws. Forensic Science plays a unique role in the criminal justice system; this role relates a scientist's ability to supply accurate and objective information to unveil the events that have occurred at a crime. In this class we will be learning about many different aspects of forensic science.

Units to be covered:

- The history of Forensic Science
- Crime Scene Processing
- Different types of Physical Evidence
- Court cases with important Forensic aspects

What is Expected of You?

1. Due to the nature of forensic science there will be a lot of hands-on work involved in this course. There will be many lab activities that must be taken seriously. There is no lab make-up time available for this class. If a student misses a lab activity an alternative written assignment will be provided.
2. Unit exams will be given as the material is completed. Study hard for my tests; they will challenge your knowledge. If you miss a unit exam, you will make it up the day you return to school.
3. There is no sleeping in class.
4. Late lab assignments due to legal absence will be due the day you return to school. Otherwise any lab that is handed in late will not receive credit.
5. Do not cut my class; you will be responsible for any work due the next day. If you cut and there was a quiz, you get a zero. If you cut and the next day there is a quiz, you will take the quiz. Besides, you will miss valuable information.
6. Cell phones should be turned off and beepers on vibrate mode during my class. Also, there is no eating or drinking in class.
7. Finally remember this quote "Those who ask questions appear ignorant at that moment, but those who choose not to ask questions remain ignorant forever."
8. Notebooks: I recommend a loose leaf notebook. You will receive handouts in this class and a loose leaf binder will work the best for you.

Grading:

$$\frac{\text{Student points obtained}}{\text{Total possible points}} \times 100 = \text{your numerical grade}$$

Test Day:

Our science test day is: _____