

Module Details				
Module Title	Crime Scene Investigation			
Module Code	ARC7039-B			
Academic Year	2023/4			
Credits	20			
School	School of Archaeological and Forensic Sciences			
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7			

Contact Hours				
Туре	Hours			
Online Lecture (Synchronous)	36			
Laboratories	36			
Directed Study	128			

Availability				
Occurrence	Location / Period			
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1			

Module Aims

This module will provide a detailed introduction to crime scene processing, the role of Crime Scene Investigators in the seizure of physical evidence, and the integration of different forensic techniques form simple to complex crime-scene.

Outline Syllabus

LECTURES:-

Introduction to the crime scene, Fingerprints and latent finger marks, DNA, Footwear and tyre marks, Blood pattern analysis, Hairs and fibres, Glass Paint and case studies, Explosives and Fire scene examination, Drugs of Abuse, Firearms and ballistics evidence, Soils and ecological evidence, Processing motor vehicles, Crime Scene documentation, notes. Introduction to crime scene photography.

PRACTICAL:-

Packing Exhibits, Physical recovery of latent finger-marks, Setting cordon and CAP in an outdoor crime scene, Note taking and crime scene records, crime scene photography. Recovery of 2D and 3D footwear marks, Demo of presumptive tests, crime scene lights, basic blood patterns, Fibres, Firearms and ballistics evidence, Processing a simple indoor crime scene, Processing series of linked scenes.

Learning Outcomes				
Outcome Number	Description			
01	Understand the principles of crime scene investigation as practised by UK police forces			
02	Prioritise activities at a crime scene, seize evidence and produce written scene notes and photographs to a professional standard			
03	Demonstrate through the paper based scenario that they can prioritise forensic evidence from a complex scene and produce a robust forensic strategy document			
04	Problem solve within a simulated crime scene scenario, to self-manage with a defined project in co-operation with other team members			

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

This is a capstone module for scene based forensic processes and protocols. Lectures are used to explore key themes, which are practised during practical sessions and simulated crime scenes. During Directed Study hours students are expected to undertake reading to consolidate and expand on the content of formal taught sessions; research and prepare for assessments; revise material from formal taught sessions; undertake specific elements of reading as directed.

Coursework brings these aspects together in written exercises (2000 words each or equivalent).

Mode of Assessment					
Туре	Method	Description	Weighting		
Summative	Coursework	Scene notes, photographs, forensic strategy (1 Hr)	50%		
Summative	Coursework	Paper-based scenario	50%		

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

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