
This curriculum is the culmination of over ten years of continuous work creating, developing, and refining forensic science teaching materials for colleges and high schools.

“Introduction to Forensic Science” was developed in consultation with Janis Cavanaugh, a public safety expert with over 30 years experience in criminal justice education, and with forensic experts currently teaching in the hands-on Forensic Science Academy at La Puente Valley ROP.

This curriculum is ideal for teachers whose goal is to create high-performing, inclusive classrooms using evidence-based instructional strategies while adhering to local, state, and national frameworks.



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Course materials are updated annually to coincide with scientific discoveries and new laws pertaining to forensic science.

The full version cd includes over 205 hours of instruction and can easily be used for a year long course.

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Introduction to Forensic Science

Forensic science is the acquisition and application of scientific knowledge to the study and resolution of questions of civil and criminal law.

Through the use of this curriculum, instructors can quickly and easily begin teaching this forensic science course with minimal preparation time.



Heightened concerns about terrorist threats and a backlog of DNA testing have spawned many new jobs in the field of public safety and security. TV shows such as CSI, Cold Case Files, and Forensic Files have increased student interest in a related career path that's even hotter, **Forensic Science**.

The "Introduction to Forensic Science" course materials contained in the full version cd cover a broad range of forensic science topics. The cd now contains 41 topic modules along with several hands-on labs and opening activities designed to get your students interested and motivated from day one.

The materials are licensed to the subscriber on an annual basis. New and revised modules, new hands-on labs, and other important updates are planned for the July 2007 release.

Module Contents

Instructor's topic outline
 Overhead projection version of outline
 Student fill-in version of outline
 Multiple choice/T-F Tests (A&B versions with answer keys)
 PowerPoint Presentation
 Terminology Lists & Tests **(*New)**

41 Topics Covered

The History of Forensic Science
 Ethics & Integrity
 Crime Labs & Forensic Science
 Rules of Evidence
 Latent Fingerprint Classification
 Crime Scene Investigation
 Forensic Photography
 Evidence Collection & Preservation
 Processing Evidence
 Arson Investigation
 Forensic Anthropology
 Courtroom Testimony
 Forensic Accounting
 Forensic Nursing
 Forensic Engineering
 Forensic Pathology
 Forensic Toxicology
 Questioned Documents & Handwriting Analysis
 Forensic Serology
 Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
 Forensic Odontology
 Polygraph Examinations
 Terrorism & Homeland Security
 Serial Killers
 The Microscope
 Trace Evidence: Hair, Fibers, & Paint
 Trace Evidence: Glass & Soil
 Forensic Psychiatry
 Forensic Entomology
 Drugs
 What is ROP?
 DNA
 Motor Vehicle Investigation
 Firearms & Tool Marks
 Computer Forensics
 Cultural Diversity
 Employment Skills & Background Investigations
 Sexual Harassment
 Report Writing
 Identity Theft
 Careers in Forensic Science
 Domestic Violence Investigation
*Methamphetamine Investigation**

Forensic Lab Experiments

Evidence Collection
 Fingerprinting
 Presumptive Test for Controlled Substance
 Shoeprint and Tire Track Castings
 Tool Marks
 Glass Fractures
 Handwriting Comparison
 Measurement
 Computer Forensics
*Fiber & Hair Analysis**

Opening Activities

The Anaheim Crime Scene
 Forensic Bingo
 Forensic Pictionary
*Forensic Jeopardy: History of Forensic Science**
*Forensic Jeopardy: The Microscope**
*Forensic Jeopardy: Methamphetamine Investigation**

Revised Modules

Forensic Photography
 History of Forensic Science
 Latent Fingerprint Classification
 Firearms & Tool Marks

(*Italicized Items are New)