

# LAW205 Introduction to Forensics

**Level:** 2

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JULY

## Synopsis:

LAW205 Introduction to Forensics teaches the student about the reality behind crime scene investigations: what can actually be achieved and how long they take to be done. More importantly, it enables the student to understand what can be done, and how to understand the results of forensic examinations.

## Topics:

- Background to Forensic Sciences
- Securing the crime scene
- Computer-based media
- Trace and contact evidence
- Marks, impressions and firearms
- Examination of body fluids
- DNA profiling
- Fire and explosions
- Forensic examination of documents
- Illicit drugs
- Drug consumption
- Forensic toxicology
- Autopsies and autopsy report

## Learning Outcome:

- Comment the various stages of the investigation process and the role of the forensic specialist in court
- Describe the concepts, values, principles and procedures forensics science commonly used in Singapore and explain the relationship between them in a number of subject areas, as well as to apply them
- Analyse fact patterns to identify relevant issues of law, fact and procedure.
- Respond to the issues identified, identifying the relevant rules of substantive law, procedure or evidence.
- Apply the relevant results to come to a conclusion on the issues
- Formulate an opinion, provide a solution and advise based on the conclusions
- Discuss critically, competing arguments in literature or in a group situation and make a reasoned choice between alternatives
- Express ideas, concepts and arguments in the English language and legal terminology with care and accuracy
- Employ information technology in an office environment for the search for information, the preparation of documents and presentations

## Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
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<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
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TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	10
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	10
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	15
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Written Exam	50
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**