

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SOC 493 or SOC 593
Current Topics in Death Investigation
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CLASS TIME: Monday thru Thursday 7:30 am until 4:00 pm

CREDIT: 2 credit hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide the veteran, trained medicolegal death investigator with the latest advancements in the forensic sciences. Attendees are expected to be knowledgeable of basic death investigation techniques. Graduates of the Medicolegal Death Investigators Training Course sponsored by Saint Louis University School of Medicine, as well as any other basic death investigator course, will have been provided this background. The format of the course is strictly lecture.

PREREQUISITES

The course is open to undergraduate and graduate students who have completed the Medicolegal Death Investigators Training Course.

OBJECTIVES of the course are:

1. To present current topics in the field of death investigation.
2. To demonstrate the use of forensic science in actual cases
3. To meet experts in the various fields of study

TEXT

All material for the course is found on the flash drive or handed out during the sessions. There is no required textbook.

ATTENDANCE

In order to obtain credit for the course, attendance at every lecture is required.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Follow Power Points used in the lectures.
2. Written paper, summarizing and analyzing the topics presented.

METHODS OF EVALUATION

GRADING:	Attending all lectures during the course	50%
	Written Paper	50%

Undergraduate Summary Papers

Choose one lecture for each of the four days of the conference. Summarize the main points (should include at least 5 points per topic). Then in a final paragraph, discuss the topic's significance to death investigation with additional research. Add a reference page.

Graduate Summary Papers

Choose two lectures for each of the four days of the conference. Summarize the main points (should include at least 5 points per topic). Then in a final paragraph, discuss the topic's significance to death investigation with additional research. Add a reference page.

Submit paper by email to instructor, bweekley@slu.edu, no later than August 7, 2015.

No papers will be accepted after that date. In order to pass this course, you must complete and submit this paper. All papers will be processed through turnitin, an anti-plagiarizing software program. **ANY PLARGIARISM WILL RESULT IN AN F FOR THE COURSE.** Please be sure to document all work and submit a reference list at the end of your paper. For additional help on citations refer to www.citationmachine.net . You may use MLA or APA format.

GRADING SCALE

Undergrad

93-100	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
65-69	D
Under 65	F

Graduate

90-100	A
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
70-79	C
Under 70	F

There are no D's in the graduate program.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

To log onto your Saint Louis University account, google SLU people finder. Submit your last name to verify your login. Mine is first initial and last name (bweekley). Yours may include a number. Your SLU Net id will not exceed 8 letters or numbers. Then go to my.slu.edu and type in your login name in the SLU Net ID. The first time you sign in use Id and your student account number without the zeros. From here, you can pay your bill, see your grades, and order transcripts.

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Any student who feels that he/she may need academic accommodations in order to meet the requirements of this course—as outlined in the syllabus, due to presence of a disability, should contact the Office of Disabilities Services. Please telephone the office at 314-977-2930, or visit Room 131 in the Academic Resources Center, 3840 Lindell Blvd. Confidentiality will be observed in all inquiries.

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