



Forensic Medical Sciences Evening Seminar Series

About the Course



Now updated and expanded, this course is the successor to one run for many years at the University of Glasgow, and covers a broad range of topics from the fields of forensic science, forensic medicine, and the law. Enhance your forensic medical knowledge with this part-time, 30-week course hosted by the Centre for Forensic Science at Strathclyde. The course is open to anyone with a relevant University degree or professional qualification; no previous medical, scientific, or legal training is necessary.

Satisfactory completion of the full course will allow the participant to sit for the Diploma in Forensic Medical Sciences¹ (DipFMS), an examination set by the Society of Apothecaries² in London. If preferred, participants can choose to attend only the science, legal, and/or medical lectures (single instruction block). Lectures will rotate among the instruction blocks over the entire 30-week duration.

Who should take this course?

This course will be of interest to the following groups:

- Solicitors
- Members of the procurator fiscal service
- Advocates
- Barristers
- Forensic physicians
- Emergency doctors
- Pathologists
- Dentists
- Nurses
- Other health professionals
- Police officers
- Emergency services personnel
- Forensic scientists
- Toxicologists
- Forensic disciplines personnel
- Crime writers

¹<https://www.apothecaries.org/diploma-in-forensic-medical-sciences/>

²<https://www.apothecaries.org/>

- Crime readers or those with genuine interest

Course Details

Thursday evenings

Networking opportunity, 18.30 - 19.00

Lectures, 19.00 - 21.00

September 2023 - June 2024

Register via the Strathclyde Shop³

In-person course fees

£700 | Full course

£250 | Single instruction block (scientific, legal, or medical)

Online course fees

£900 | Full course

£300 | Single instruction block (scientific, legal, or medical)

Lecture Focus 1: Scientific

Forensic science and crime investigation

Crime scene management

Trace evidence

Ballistics, fire, and explosion investigation

Fingerprints

Digital forensic and cybercrime

³<https://onlineshop.strath.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/science-faculty/pure-and-applied-chemistry/forensic-medical-sciences-evening-seminar-series>

DNA methodology and new technologies

Forensic toxicology and drugs of abuse

Forensic entomology and related specialties

Lecture Focus 2: Legal

Legal systems and personnel

Prosecution of crime

Death investigations

Coroners and inquests

Procurator Fiscal/Fatal accident inquiries

Role of the defence and judge

The expert witness

Human rights

International forensic expertise

Lecture Focus 3: Medical

Introduction to the human body

Natural disease

Dealing with deaths

Certification

Post-mortem examinations

Injury types and death

Alcohol and drug abuse

Clinical forensic medicine

Sexual offences and forensic psychiatry

More Information



Questions or enquiries? We look forward to hearing from you.

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⁸<https://www.strath.ac.uk/research/subjects/chemistry/analyticalforensicscience/>