



ARIZONA FORENSIC SCIENCE ACADEMY

Basic Academy Syllabus – Spring 2016

Course Description: The Arizona Forensic Science Academy is designed to educate legal professionals on forensic topics relevant to criminal court proceedings. This innovative course allows prosecutors and defense attorneys to learn about the scientific issues which are presented in criminal cases. The sessions will include both lectures by subject matter experts and tours/hands on opportunities for all class participants.

Required Materials: Saferstein, R. *Criminalistics, An Introduction to Forensic Science* 11th Ed. (2014) Prentice Hall. (Provided with paid registration)

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Where to go to class:

All classes will be held at the Maricopa County Forensic Science Center Auditorium. Tours and practical sessions may be held at additional locations to include the Phoenix Police Department Crime Laboratory. Please refer to the class dates below as well as the Academy resources for the location each week.

Maricopa County Forensic Science Center

701 W. Jefferson St.

Phoenix, AZ 85007

602-506-3322

****Please call the Maricopa County Forensic Science Center if you expect to be late on the day of class.*



Phoenix Police Department Crime Laboratory

621 W Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602-262-6197

Course Requirements:

1. You must attend a minimum of 80% of the academy sessions.
2. You will be provided an Academy binder, resources, and a forensic text for your reference throughout the course. Please bring your binder each week as we will be providing additional resources each week.

Academy Curriculum: SPRING 2016

April 1 st	-Introduction to the Academy -Controlled Substances -Toxicology
April 8 th	-Crime Scene Response
April 15 th	-Forensic Biology & DNA
April 22 nd	-Tour/Hands-on Exercises (Phoenix Crime Laboratory)
April 29 th	-Firearms Analysis
May 6 th	-Latent Print Comparisons
May 13 th	-Death Investigation -Tour (Maricopa Forensic Science Center)
May 20 th	-Digital Forensics: Computers, Cell Phones, Video, and Audio Graduation