Honors Forensic Science  
Fall 2014 Syllabus  
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Tutorials: Tuesday, Thursday from 2:30 – 3:00 PM or by appointment

Forensic science is an honors level elective course rich in exploration and lab investigation which applies many disciplines of scientific study such as biology/anatomy, chemistry, and physics to solving crimes.

**Content to be EXPLORED**

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**CLASS RULES**

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Responsive

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

1) 3-ring binder (2”) with dividers  
2) Pencils/pens  
3) 1 Subject Notebook

**PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Food and drink (water in clear water bottles is allowed)  
- Electronics (unless given permission)

✓ **Grading**

- A student’s grade will be determined by dividing the number of points earned by the number of points possible. Each assignment will be given a point value based on the difficulty of the assignment. All assignments that are checked for completion will be entered under the category “Informal”. All assignments that are checked for accuracy will be entered under the category “Formal”. Informal grades will count as 30% of a student’s average and formal grades will count as 70% of a student’s average.

✓ **Course Webpage**

- You will need to have internet access for materials for this class. All materials will be posted on my weebly page (address above). You may be required to print materials and bring them to class. If a student is not able to access and/or print the material they go to the Media Center to print out the material.
Homework
- Homework will be assigned on a regular basis. Homework is given to help you master the concepts.
- If a student does not turn in an assignment on time, he or she can turn it in later the same school day or the school day immediately following the due date for a maximum of 80% credit. If a student turns in an assignment two school days after the due date, he or she can earn a maximum of 70% credit. After two school days, a maximum of 50% credit will be given for late homework. Some assignments may have a final date that they will be accepted on and this will be communicated to students.

Absences
- You are responsible for finding out and making up ALL work that you missed while you were out.
- Check the absent folder for all documents and for the agenda so that you know what you have missed.
- You must make arrangements to make up work within 5 school days of your return. At this time you will be given a due date for the make-up work.
- If you are absent on a test day, the test must be made up on the next tutorial date BEFORE SCHOOL.
- If you are absent for more than 10 days, you must recover the days missed or you will fail the course.

Tardy Policy
- If you are not inside the classroom when the bell rings, you are late to class. Please refer to the school tardy policy for more details.

Bathroom Policy
- Go before class.
- You are permitted four bathroom passes for the semester.

Exam Corrections
- All students have the chance to make corrections on all exams (except the midterm and final). You have the opportunity to earn back one quarter for every point that you missed. Students must attend tutorials in to get help with the content and to complete the exam corrections. You have 5 school days from the day the exam was returned to do so. After that, the grade you earned stands.

Grades
- Student’s grades will be updated on Power School weekly.

Progress Reports
- Progress reports will be issued on assigned CMS progress report days and a parent/guardian will need to verify that they have seen the student’s grade.

Cell Phones and Electronics
- Cell phones and electronics are not allowed at school between 7:00 am and 2:15 pm unless the student is given permission by the teacher to complete academic work. This is a school policy and any cell phone or electronic device that is seen during that time will be turned in to the office.

Honors Project
- Students will be completing an independent research assignment. The project will be completed on your own time and not during school hours. More information will be given to students throughout the semester. Students must turn in the project on the due date, even if they have an excused absence.