



ARIZONA FORENSIC SCIENCE ACADEMY

Basic Academy Syllabus – Spring 2018

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* 12th Ed. (2017) Prentice Hall. (Provided with paid registration)

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Where to go to class:

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

Downtown Justice Center
620 W. Jackson St. 5th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85003



Phoenix Police Department Crime Laboratory

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

Note: You will have to go through Building Security at the Downtown Justice Center to be admitted to the class. A weekly roster is provided to security to expedite this process. If you are not going to be able to make a session, it is imperative that you send a notification to forsci@azag.gov.

Additionally, if you are attending the virtual portion of the academy and would like to attend a session in person, please make similar arrangements prior to that week by sending an email to forsci@azag.gov to ensure your name appears on the roster.

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 2018

April 6 th	-Introduction to the Academy -Controlled Substances -Toxicology
April 13 th	-Crime Scene Response
April 20 th	-Forensic Biology & DNA
April 27 th	-Tour/Hands-on Exercises (Phoenix Crime Laboratory)*
May 4 th	-Latent Print Comparisons
May 11 th	-Firearms Analysis
May 18 th	-Death Investigation
May 25 th	-BREAK
June 1 st	-Digital Forensics: Computers, Cell Phones, Video, and Audio Graduation

*These tours are conducted in-person at the listed facilities. Please make arrangements to attend in person or contact forsci@azag.gov for alternative opportunities. If you can't make the in-person tour or an alternative opportunity, it will count as a missed lecture for attendance purposes.