Springfield Technical Community College

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

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| Course Number: | BIO-109L | Class/Lect. Hours: | 0 | Lab Hours: | 3 | Credits: | 1 | Dept.: |  Biology |
| Course Title: | Forensic Biology - Laboratory | Semester: |  | Year: |  |

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| **Course description**: This course will provide students with laboratory experiences that will introduce them to the principles and techniques of Forensic Biology with a strong emphasis on the basic underlying biology. Exercises will reinforce material from the associated lecture while also developing skills in critical data analysis. Corequisite – Forensic Biology lecture |

| **Course Objectives** | **Competencies** |
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| Primary learning goals addressed:1. Quantitative literacy
2. Critical thinking
3. Computer literacy
4. Written and oral communication

Lab safety. Measurement and the metric systemLab calculations and solution makingMicroscopy and asceptic techniqueSpectrophotometry – salicylates in bloodSerology – Blood typingChromatography – Analysis of pigments in biological materials of various originGel electrophoresis – Is this blood human?Polymerase chain reaction.Blood spatter analysisCrime scene analysis | 1. Knowledge of the safety features of the lab.
2. Knowledge of appropriate safety behavior in the lab.
3. Knowledge of metric units, metric measurement and metric conversions.
4. Demonstrate quantitative reasoning in performing these calculations.
5. Demonstrate ability to calculate moles and dilution ratios.
6. Demonstrate ability to make and dilute solutions of an indicated molarity, ratio, or volume.
7. Demonstrate ability to use and properly handle microscope.
8. State the concepts of asceptic technique.
9. Demonstrate asceptic technique
10. State the principles of spectrophotometry
11. Perform a spectrophotometric analysis and interpret the results.
12. State the biologic principles of blood typing.
13. State the biologic relevance of humans having blood of different immunological types.
14. Perform blood typing and interpret the results
15. State the phyiscial principles of chromatography.
16. State three or more uses of chromatography.
17. Perform a chromatographic analysis and interpret the results.
18. State the physical principles of gel electrophoresis.
19. Perform an electrophoretic analysis and interpret the results.
20. State the principle and basic steps of the polymerase chain reaction.
21. Succesfully perform a polymerase chain reaction.
22. Succesfully analyze blood spatter pattens to determine the angle of impact.
23. State the importance of knowing the angle of impact.

 1. Use information learned in the course to demonstrate the ability to critically observe a simulated crime scene, determine what evidence to gather, what tests to perform; and how to use the data to draw conclusions concerning the putative crime.
2. Use written and oral communication skills to communicate the student’s chain of reasoning and conclusions concerning the crime scene analysis.
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