



## Practices of Crime Scene Investigation and Expert Testimony (SECU0039)

### Description

In preparation for starting this module, students are strongly encouraged to attend a live trial to gain first-hand experience of the court environment. This module will then introduce students to a variety of crime scene investigative practices and techniques via lectures, workshops and practical sessions. On completing this module, students will - Understand the basic strategies of crime scene investigation and how to develop an appropriate strategy - Understand the theory behind searching a crime scene and how to identify potential exhibits - Be able to complete an Examination Report and Decision Log and package exhibits appropriately to maintain continuity and integrity - Be able to recover DNA, blood, and fingerprints within limited scenarios and understand the processes behind the analyses of these types of evidence - Be aware of the cognitive issues associated with crime scene investigation - Understand the basic approaches to giving oral evidence at court This material will be partly delivered by in-house and guest experts, including a half-day workshop with Bond Solon, the leading firm in training expert witnesses, and a lecture from a Metropolitan Police Officer. This lecture will round up the course by giving an example of all practices coming together in the investigation of high-profile crime and bomb explosion scenes, including the 7/7 London bombing. Students will then be assessed by putting into practice these principles underpinning crime scene investigation and expert testimony by examining a mock crime scene and providing oral testimony of that examination in a mock courtroom setting.

### Key information

<b>Year</b>	2019/20
<b>Credit value</b>	15 (150 study hours)
<b>Delivery</b>	PGT L7, Campus-based
<b>Reading List</b>	<a href="#">View on UCL website</a>
<b>Tutor</b>	<a href="#">Dr Georgina Meakin</a>
<b>Term</b>	Term 2
<b>Timetable</b>	<a href="#">View on UCL website</a>

### Assessment



■ Coursework: 100%

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