

Case Assessment and Interpretation for Forensic Scientists (SECU0042)

Description

In this module we will consider approaches for the interpretation of forensic evidence in a legal context, exploring the nature of probability and the logical foundations of this interpretation. This course will be delivered through a series of lectures and workshops which will offer students an overview of Case Assessment and Interpretation (CAI) concepts, looking at the work of the investigator/evaluator, pre-assessment and the hierarchy of propositions. The CAI model represents a new paradigm for the role of the forensic scientist within the Criminal Justice System. A series of papers (see 'Readings') encapsulates this process. The CAI process is underpinned by principles of balance, logic, robustness and transparency, which have been adopted by the Association of Forensic Science Providers as its standard. This module is delivered in collaboration with Sue Pope, an expert from Principal Forensic Services and draws on her extensive experience of casework.

Key information

Year	2019/20
Credit value	15 (150 study hours)
Delivery	PGT L7, Campus-based
Reading List	View on UCL website
Tutor	Dr James French
Term	Term 2
Timetable	View on UCL website

Assessment



- Coursework: 70%
- Oral examination (departmentally managed): 30%

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