

Honours Class 'Body of Evidence'

Retaining information about life and death, the body is often one of the most crucial pieces of forensic evidence available. As well as obtaining individual data, such as age, sex, health, ancestry and appearance, the correct recovery of a body can provide clues about the final moments and interactions before death. Accordingly, this interdisciplinary course aims to give students an opportunity to gain a practical and theoretical understanding of how a body is dealt with in forensic science, progressing from initial search and recovery techniques, identification, to the courtroom.

The course is a joint venture between University of Leiden, Faculties of Archaeology and Law, and the Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI).

Program:

February 6 th	15:15-16:00	Introduction to the Course
		Prof. dr. Menno Hoogland (Faculty of Archaeology, UL)
February 6 th	16:15-17:00	Introduction to the Forensic Science
		Prof. dr. ir. Charles Berger (NFI / Faculty of Law, UL)
February 13 th	15:15-16:00	Legal Context: Forensic Investigation
		Mr. Emmy van der Bijl (Public Prosecution Service)
February 13 th	16:15-17:00	Investigative Psychology
		Drs. Bram van der Meer (Van der Meer Investigative Psychologists)
February 20 th	15:15-16:00	Crime Scene Management
		John Pel (LTFO / National Police, Region Amsterdam)
February 20 th	16:15-17:00	Forensic Awareness
		Ing. Dennis Boon (NFI)
February 27 th	15:15-16:00	Forensic Taphonomy
		Drs. Mike Groen (NFI / Faculty of Archaeology, UL)
February 27 th	16:15-17:00	Forensic Radiology
		Prof. dr. Rick van Rijn (NFI/AMC)

March 6 th	15:15-16:00	Forensic Anthropology
		Prof. dr. George Maat (LUMC)
March 6 th	16:15-17:00	DNA Analysis
		TBA (LUMC)
March 13 th	15:15-16:00	Forensic Pathology
		Dr. Vidija Soerdjbalie - Maikoe (NFI)
March 13 th	16:15-17:00	Forensic Toxicology
		Dr. Ingrid Bosman (NFI)
March 20 th	15:15-16:00	Forensic Archaeology: Search
		Drs. ing. Roosje de Leeuwe (NFI / Faculty of Archaeology, UL)
March 20 th	16:15-17:00	Forensic Archaeology: Excavation and Recovery
		Drs. ing. Roosje de Leeuwe (NFI / Faculty of Archaeology, UL)
March 27 th	No lectures	
April 3 rd	15:15-16:00	Disaster Management
		Gijs Houben (LTFO / National Police, Region Utrecht)
April 3 rd	16:15-17:00	Forensic Odontology
		Drs. Frithjof Kroon (LOFO / Spijkenisse Medical Centre)
April 10 th	15:15-16:00	Forensic Soil Science and Ecology
		Drs. Stefan Uitdehaag (NFI)
April 10 th	16:15-17:00	Isotope Provenancing
		Dr. Laura Font (Faculty of Earth and Life Sciences, VU)
May 8 th	13:30-16:30	NFI Visit and "Mini" Crime Scene Scenario
May 15 th	09:00-17:00	Excavation / Anthropology / Scull Sculpting Training (Leiden University)

All lectures are held in the Van Steenis Building (Faculty of Archaeology), Einsteinweg 2, Leiden.