

DETAILED CURRICULUM
LEVEL THREE – SEMESTER FIVE
LAWS RELATED TO FORENSIC MEDICINE

COURSE DETAILS			
Course Code	LW 5293		
Course Title	LAWS RELATED TO FORENSIC MEDICINE		
Course Type	Core		
Credits	3		
Hours Allotted	Theory	30	Total 60
	Practical		
	Assignments/Tutorials	30	
AIM			
<p>Forensic medicine, also called legal medicine or medical jurisprudence, deals with the interaction of medical science. The legal and medical segments of the science of forensic medicine is introduced to the students in this course unit.</p>			
INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES			
<p>After following the course, the learners should be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) have a comprehensive knowledge on medico legal aspects related to the legal profession. (b) assist the court in the criminal cases in which forensic matters are involved. (c) serve with professional skills as attorneys for prosecution and defence in criminal cases. 			
COURSE CONTENTS			
<p>Forensic Medicine in Sri Lanka Doctor and the law, Medical aspects of death (murder, suicide or accident, changes after death, estimation of time of death, identification, post-mortem appearance of organs after death), Injuries (Head injuries, description of skull injuries, neck injuries, penetrating injuries, electrical injuries, lightning injuries, firearm injuries, bomb and blast injuries, burnt bodies) child abuse, infanticide Asphyxia, sexual offences, Immersion and drowning, Blood stain (Group, DNA), Alcohol and driving, poisoning , dangerous drugs, specimens for further investigation, examination of Mass grave, Torture, Penal code of Sri Lanka.</p>			
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA			% OF MARKS
Semester-end Examination:			70
Assignments:			20
Class Quizzes:			10

RECOMMENDED READINGS

1. Niriellage Chandrasiri, Textbook of Clinical Forensic Medicine and Forensic Pathology
2. Bernard Knight, Simpson's Forensic Medicine
3. Ananda Grep C , Culpable Homicide Proof and Defences
4. Leather & Taylor, The Doctor and the law
5. Niriellage Chandrasiri, Medical evidence and the role of the judicial medical officer in culpable homicide.