



**NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM**

**PROGRAMME: B.A.,LL.B. (HONS.) FYIC**

**DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED**

**ODD SEMESTER (IX) – ACADEMIC YEAR .....**

<b>SL. NO</b>	<b>COURSE CODE</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T/P</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>CH</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>BL903.7 (CRIMINAL LAW, OPTIONAL PAPER- V)</b>	<b>FORENSIC SCIENCE</b>	<b>4 PER WEEK</b>	<b>1 PER WEEK</b>	<b>4</b>	

**A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: BL903.7 (CRIMINAL LAW,  
OPTIONAL LAW, OPTIONAL PAPER-V), FORENSIC SCIENCE**

**B. COURSE CREDIT: 4 (TOTAL MARKS 200)**

**C. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH**

**D. COURSE COMPILED BY: DR.ISHRAT HUSAIN**

**E. COURSE INSTRUCTOR: DR.ISHRAT HUSAIN**

## **1. COURSE OBJECTIVES**

It is quite useful for the practicing Lawyers and fresh Law Graduates or students of Law to acquaint themselves with the nuances of law and its enforcement, it also gives an over view of sociological, criminological, psychological aspects of human behaviour and the methods used by enforcement agencies towards ensuring public safety, internal security, criminal investigation, police administration, prosecution management, judicial management, as well as correctional services.

The course focuses on various forms of evidence especially physical evidence being the medium, essence and foundation of proof and provides a comprehensive over view of current advances and emerging trends in handling physical evidence encountered in various types of crimes and application of latest forensic analytical techniques involving examination of Questioned Documents, Finger Prints, Ballistics, Explosives, Drugs & Narcotics, DNA, E-mail Frauds, Cyber Forensics, Audio-Video Forensics, Speaker Identification, Polygraph-Lie Detector, Forensic chemistry, Forensic Physics, Forensic Toxicology, Forensic Engineering, etc. The course also highlights the new forms of crime and the criminals indulging in White Collar crimes, Economic crimes, Narco-Terrorism, Drug trafficking, Human trafficking and other unlawful acts.

## **2. TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

Teaching will be mainly done through lectures by the principal teacher and the teaching assistants. Projects including the research paper presentations would offer an opportunity to learn and appreciate issues involved in the course, Group exercises will also be used for some topics. Notes in the text, case law and materials from the web shall be used to provide one with source documents.

## **3. COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

The course is extremely useful for practicing legal professionals as well as other legal officers dealing with civil, criminal, statutory, regulations or other matters. Also beneficial to other working professionals in Criminal Justice systems to enhance their understanding about the interdisciplinary issues in effective

administration of justice for those seeking careers in the police, prosecution, judiciary, prisons, etc and also in the government, private, corporate and multinational companies in legal, fraud control, human resource, risk and compliance departments. The knowledge will immensely help those dealing with vigilance, anti-corruption and security related duties.

#### **4. COURSE EVALUATION METHOD**

The course shall be assessed for 200 marks. The Evaluation scheme would be as follows:

Internal assessment: 70% (140 marks)

Semester End Examination: 30% (60 marks)

Sl. No.	Marks Distribution	
1	Project Work	40 marks
2	Seminar/Group Discussion	20 marks
3	Assignment/Assessment	30 marks
4	Mid-Semester Test	40 marks
5	Attendance in class	10 marks
6	Semester End Examination	60 marks

#### **5. DETAILED STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE (SPECIFYING COURSE MODULES AND SUB-MODULES)**

##### **MODULE - I**

Forensic Science: History and Development of Forensic Science, Definition, Aims, Branches, Role and functions of different specialties in the modern context.

##### **MODULE- II**

Basic Principles of Forensic Science: Law of individuality, Principle of exchange, Law of progressive exchange, Principle of comparison, Principle of analysis, Law of probability. Ethical laws and duties in Forensic Science

### **MODULE - III**

Evidence: meaning and its several forms, Presentation of Expert Evidence: Data, Reports, Evidence in the Court, presenting counsel's contributions, defense counsel's role, court's participation. Evidentiary clue. Awareness of Forensic Science in crime investigation, Role of Media, Human Rights

### **MODULE – IV**

Criminal Justice System: Police personnel, experts and laboratories. Forensic Science

Laboratories in India: CFSL, FSL, GEQD, FPB, NICFS, Central Detective Training School,

NCRB (Maintenance of Crime Records), Mobile Forensic Science Laboratory.

## **6. PRESCRIBED READINGS**

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