

Ideas in Justice
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Grading

Quizzes	20%	Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%	Research Article	20%

Syllabus

September	3	Course Introduction	
	8	What Every Law Enforcement Officer should know about DNA	
	10	The DNA Databank on the local, state and national level	
	15	Constitutional Law and the collection of DNA evidence	
	17	DNA Dragnets and the criminal investigation	
	22	DNA.gov	
	24	Public Fear of DNA profiling	
September	29	Universal Databank	
	October		
October	1	Ancestry and Genetic relationships	
	6	Familial Testing	
	8	How non-human DNA can solve crimes	
	13	Homeland Security and the use of DNA Technology	
	15	Midterm Review	
	20	Midterm Examination	
	22	Crime Scene Reconstruction	
	27	Ethics	
	29	Crime Labs/Backlog	
	November	3	Exonerations
5		Evidence Admissibility	
10		Prosecution	
12		ASCLD and Accreditation	
17		NAS Report	
19		Cold Case Squad and using DNA to solve these cases	
24		Legislation concerning DNA and the criminal justice system	
26		No Class	
December		1	America's Silent Disaster - Missing Persons
		3	Identifying the Victims of a Mass Fatality
	8	Future Applications	
	10	Final Exam Review	