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

Syllabus

January    22  Course Introduction  
           27  What Every Law Enforcement Officer should know about DNA  
           29  The DNA Databank on the local, state and national level  
February   3   Constitutional Law and the collection of DNA evidence  
           5   DNA Dragnets and the criminal investigation  
           10  Pathology  
           12  Public Fear of DNA profiling  
           17  Universal Databank  
           19  Ancestry and Genetic relationships  
           24  Familial Testing  
           26  How non-human DNA can solve crimes  
March      3   Homeland Security and the use of DNA Technology  
           5   Midterm Review  
           10  Crime Scene Reconstruction  
           12  Midterm Examination  
           17  Spring Break  
           19  Spring Break  
           24  Ethics  
           26  Crime Labs/Backlog  
           31  Prosecution  
April      2   ASCLD and Accreditation  
           7   NAS Report  
           9   Cold Case Squad and using DNA to solve these cases  
           14  Legislation concerning DNA and the criminal justice system  
           16  Post Conviction use of DNA  
           21  DNA.gov  
           23  America’s Silent Disaster - Missing Persons  
           28  Identifying the Victims of a Mass Fatality  
           30  Future of Forensic Technology  
May        5   Final Exam Review