

# Introduction to Forensic Science

## Locard's Exchange Principle

principle stating every contact with another person, place or thing, results in an exchange of physical materials

## Anthropology

science of skeletal analysis

## Criminalistics

science of evidence collection and analysis

## Odontology

science of dental analysis

## Toxicology

science of poisons

## Criminology

academic study of crime and criminals

## Criminologist

individual who studies crime and criminals

## Self-Incrimination

act of implicating oneself in a crime

## Coroner

officer who investigates deaths

## Treatise

formal written work which provides a comprehensive discussion of a subject

## Culpability

amount of blame to be placed on a person for a fault or wrong

## Ubiquitous

extremely common and present everywhere

## Criminalist

forensic scientists responsible for collecting and examining physical evidence

## Autopsy

examination of body to discover cause of death

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## Grand Jury

group of individuals selected to determine the validity of the charges made against a suspect before trial

## Municipality

city or town with a local government