

655J Forensic Pathology

This rotation is not accepting international students.

Course Name Forensic Pathology

Course Director Robert A. Edwards, MD, PhD

Elective at a Glance		
Available to: [X] UCI MS3 students [X] UCI MS4 students [X] Extramural Students		
Duration: 2 weeks	Number of Students: 1	Grading: H / P / F
Periods available: Throughout the year, except for the last 2 weeks in December		

1. Course Director, Coordinator and General Administrative Information

FACULTY AND STAFF

Name	Office Location	Phone	Email
Course Director: Robert A. Edwards, MD, PhD	Medical Sciences D449	949-824-8576	redwards@hs.uci.edu
Course Coordinator: Ashley Dunicliffe	Medical Sciences D440	949-824-5367	pathelectives@hs.uci.edu

DESCRIPTION

The student will be exposed to the practice of modern forensic medicine/pathology, including scene investigation, medical-legal autopsy and forensic toxicology.

PREREQUISITES

UCI students must have successfully completed the basic science curriculum. Extramural students must be in the final year of undergraduate medical education and have completed course work equivalent to UCI's Clinical Pathology and Pathology course. An in-person background check is required and will be performed and completed by the OC Sheriff's Office at least eight weeks prior to the rotation start date.

The Orange County Coroner's Office assesses a fee for this elective: \$200.00 for a two-week rotation. All students are responsible for paying the fee by cash or personal check to the OCME office on the first day of their rotation. Cash or check only; NO credit cards are accepted.

RESTRICTIONS

Students must obtain permission from faculty prior to enrollment, at least three months prior to rotation start date. This rotation is not accepting international students.

COURSE DIRECTOR: Robert A. Edwards, MD, PhD
Instructing Faculty: Yong-son Kim, MD and OCCO staff
Elective Coordinator: Ashley Dunicliffe

INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST DAY

Who/Location/Time to Report to on First Day: Contact the site coordinator for details

SITE: Orange County Coroner Office

DURATION: 2 weeks

Scheduling Coordinator: UC Irvine students please email comsched@hs.uci.edu to make a scheduling appointment.

Extramural students enrolled at a U.S. LCME medical school must use VSAS to apply. To apply please refer to the [Visiting Student Learning Opportunities](#) website.

Periods Available: Throughout the year, **except** for the last two weeks in December. The time of the course must be pre-approved by the elective director at least 3 months prior to the start of the course. No exceptions.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ALLOWED: 1

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD DO TO PREPARE FOR THE COURSE

Review basic anatomy and pathology

COMMUNICATION WITH FACULTY

Questions about logistics should be directed to the Course Coordinator. Direct questions, comments, or concerns about the course can be directed to the Course Director. Contact information and office location are at the beginning of this document.

The Course Director is also available to meet in person. Please email pathelectives@hs.uci.edu to arrange an appointment. To ensure that your email will not be lost in the large volume of email received, please use the following convention for the subject line:

SUBJECT: COURSE NAME, your last name, your issue (e.g. 655J, Smith, Request for appointment)

2. Course Objectives and Program Objective Mapping

The following are the learning objectives for the 655J course. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in these areas in order to satisfactorily complete the

course. In addition, the extent of a student's mastery of these objectives will help guide the course evaluation and grade.

Course Objective	Mapped UCI School of Medicine Program Objective	Sub Competency	Core Competency
Correlate scene investigational information and autopsy findings to formulate: 1. Mechanism of death 2. Cause of death 3. Manner of death			

Key Topics: Autopsy interpretation; basic scene investigation; basic forensic pathology and toxicology principles.

Attitudes & Commitments: Recognition of the forensic pathologist’s role in the medical-legal arena and public health sector.

3. Course Resources

TEXTS AND READINGS: SUGGESTED

Basic pathology textbook; basic forensic pathology textbook

4. Major Exams, Assignments and Grading

MANDATORY SESSIONS:

Conference/Lecture/Small Group Sessions: Lectures and conferences vary by rotation

Course Hours Weekly Summary: Lectures and conferences vary by rotation

MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS

Educational Activities: Daily case briefings; toxicology meetings and crime lab tour (varies by rotation)

Clinical Responsibilities of the Student: Attend autopsies daily; scene investigation (optional)

Patient Care Responsibilities: No direct patient care responsibilities

Procedures to be Learned by the Student: Selected autopsy prosection techniques on case-by-case basis

GRADING

The student will receive a grade of Honors, Pass or Fail. The student's final grade will be submitted on the standard UCI elective form. The student's performance will be based upon attendance, initiative and course knowledge. If the student fails the elective, a grade of "F" will be permanently recorded on his/her transcript. The student can repeat the course for a second grade; however, the "F" will not be removed from the transcript.

Requirements for "Pass":

To receive a grade of Pass, students must demonstrate successful performance in all the following areas:

- Knowledge
- Patient Care
- Practice-Based Learning
- Interpersonal & Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Practice

Requirements for "Honors":

To receive a grade of Honors, students must demonstrate exceptional performance all the following areas:

- Knowledge
- Patient Care
- Practice-Based Learning
- Interpersonal & Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Practice

Grounds for "Incomplete": You will not be issued a grade until all elements of the course have been completed.

REMEDIATION

Remediation, if needed will be designed by the Course Director to suit the issue at hand.

Grounds for "Fail": You will receive a grade of "Fail" if the requirements for passing the course have not been met. Please refer to the [Grading Policy](#) for the impact of the "Fail" grade to the transcript.