

Short Course in the Identification of Human Versus Non-Human Bone

Sat. Aug. 10, 2019
Pocatello, ID



Cost: \$100

Course fee includes manual, lunch, 7 hours of instruction, and certificate of completion. Approved for 7 ABMDI continuing education credit hours. Idaho POST continuing education approval pending.



Photos simulated by the ISU-FAL using non-human bone and teaching specimens. No case photos are shown.

Idaho State University Forensic Anthropology Laboratory

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Proceeds will be used to support operating costs of the ISU Forensic Anthropology Laboratory to allow for continued access by coroners and law enforcement to free and low-cost services.

Course Description: This one-day course will familiarize law enforcement and medicolegal professionals with human and non-human skeletal remains frequently encountered in forensic contexts. Emphasis will be placed on identifying whether items are bone and, if so, determining if they are human or non-human. The course provides 2.75 hours of lecture-based instruction with 4.25 hours of structured hands-on laboratory training with real human and non-human bone.

Learning Objectives:

After completing this course, participants will be familiar with the:

- names and appearance of the major bones of the human skeleton
- primary characteristics that distinguish human from animal bones
- bones most commonly confused with human remains in forensic settings
- contact information for specialists to confirm bone identifications, deal with historic/archaeological remains, and perform forensic anthropological analyses

Learning Resources: No books are required. Course packet with lab handouts and reference materials will be provided at check-in.

Course Requirements: Attendance of all lectures and active participation in lab activities is required. Attendance will be taken in each lecture session to verify contact hours. No out-of-class readings or assignments are required.

Student Evaluation: The course will conclude with a self-graded quiz that will test the ability to identify non-osseous (non-bone) materials, non-human bone, and human remains.

Course Schedule:

Time	Topic
8:00-8:30	Check-In
8:30-8:45	Overview of the ISU-FAL
8:45-9:30	Introduction to the Human Skeleton
9:30-10:45	Human Bone Lab
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-11:30	Determining Forensic Significance
11:30-12:30	Non-bone and Non-human Bone
12:30-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:15	Non-Bone/Non-Human Lab
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-3:45	Assessment in Practice Lab
3:45-4:30	Final Bone Quiz & Discussion

**To register or for additional
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