## **Forensic Medicine**

#### Goal

The goal of teaching Forensic Medicine in the undergraduate medical course is to produce a physician who will be well informed and alerts about his/her medico-legal responsibilities and is capable of being discharging medico-legal duties in medical practice.

### **Departmental Objectives:**

At the end of the course in Forensic Medicine, the undergraduate student will be able to:

- □ Examine and prepare reports or certificates in Medico-legal cases/situations in accordance with the law of land.
- □ Perform medico-legal postmortem and interpret autopsy findings and results of other relevant investigations to logically conclude about the cause, manner and time since death.
- Practice & apply medical ethics, etiquette, duties, rights, medical negligence and legal responsibilities of the physician toward patient, profession, society, state and humanity at large.
- ☐ Identify & apply relevant legal/ court procedures applicable to the medico-legal/ medical practice.
- □ Collect preserve and dispatch specimens in medico-legal/ postmortem cases and other concerned materials to the appropriate Government agencies for necessary examination.
- □ Diagnose, apply principles of therapy & understand medico-legal implications of common poisons.
- □ Apply general principles of analytical, environmental, occupational and preventive aspects of toxicology.

### List of Competencies to acquire

- 1. Practice Forensic Medicine according to the expectation of the community and maintaining the dignity & honour of the medical profession.
- 2. Perform ethical practice.
- 3. Capable to give deposition in the court of law as a medical expert.
- 4. Collect, preserve & despatch the medico-legally important specimen.
- 5. Keep the proper records.
- 6. Proper examination of physical assault victim.
- 7. Perform medico-legal examination including autopsy and interpret the findings.
- 8. Prepare certificates and reports according to the law of the land.
- 9. Write discharge certificate and death certificate properly and authentically as per ICD
- 10. Supervise and guide the member of a medical team regarding the ethical and legal consequence related to medical issues.
- 11. Handling dead body ethically & morally
- 12. Write injury and medical certificate correctly

Finally, on the basis of above context, those who are concern with Forensic Medicine should initiate the thinking to redesign the curriculum where appropriate and give emphasis on those aspects in teaching learning and assessment of the students in under graduate medical education in Forensic Medicine.

## Distribution of teaching - learning hours

Lecture	Tutorial	Practical	Other classes (Integrated	Total teaching	Formati	ve Exam	Summat	ive exam	
			Teaching / Assignment)	0	hours	Preparat ory leave	Exam time	Prepara tory leave	Exam time
80 hrs	55 hrs	55 hrs	05 hrs	195 hrs	15 days	15 days	15 days	20 days	

(Time for exam. preparatory leave and formative & summative assessment is common for all subjects of the phase )

### Teaching-learning methods, teaching aids and evaluation

Teaching Methods				Teaching aids	In course evaluation
Large group	Small group	Self learning	Others		
Lecture Integrated teaching	Tutorial Practical Demonstration	Assignment, self assessment & self study.	Video & slide presentation. Community Oriented teaching and learning.	Multimedia. Camera (Still & Video) Overhead Projector (OHP). Slide Projector (SP). Black board.	<ul> <li>Item Examination</li> <li>Card final</li> <li>Term Examination</li> <li>Term final (written, oral+ practical)</li> </ul>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Professional Examination:

#### Marks distribution of Assessment of Forensic Medicine:

Total marks - 300

- Written =100 (MCQ-20, SAQ-70+ formative assessment marks 10)
- Structured oral examination= 100
- Practical=50, OSPE=40 & Others (PM report, Injury certificate & Practical khata)=10

### Related Equipments, Aids, Specimen / Models:

Post-mortem video tape, TV, Cassette Player (available on different events/topics), Module on Teaching Health Ethics (WHO, CME and BM&DC)

Sexual Assault examination kit

Autopsy set, dummy and photographs showing all major types of injuries & other cases Specimen of poisons and related instruments (e.g. Ryles tube, stomach wash tube etc.)

#### Weapons:

Mechanical weapons

Firearms and ammunitions

# **Learning Objectives and Course Contents in Forensic Medicine**

Learning Objectives	Contents	Teaching hours
Student will be able to:	CORE:	
<ul> <li>define Forensic Medicine, Medical Jurisprudence &amp; differentiate between them.</li> <li>describe different courts in Bangladesh and their powers.</li> <li>describe various court procedure and deposition in the court.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Discipline of Forensic Medicine and its subdivisions &amp; Medical Jurisprudence.</li> <li>Courts in Bangladesh and their jurisdiction:         <ul> <li>Supreme Court, High Court, Sessions Court, Additional Sessions Court, Magistrates Court, Metropolitan Magistracy.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Court procedures:         <ul> <li>Summons, conduct money, oath, affirmation, perjury, types of witness, types of examination, recording evidence, court questions, conduct of doctor in witness box, medical examiner's system.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Additional:         <ul> <li>Coroner, medical examiner &amp; continental Medico-legal systems.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1 hr. 2 hrs. 2 hrs. 2 hrs.
<ul> <li>describe various medico-legal systems.</li> <li>write various medical documentary evidences (certificate, reports &amp; dying declaration)</li> <li>define and describe different types of death.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CORE:</li> <li>Medical certification and Medico-legal reports including dying declaration &amp; medical documentary evidence.</li> <li>Death:         <ul> <li>Definition, types: somatic, cellular and brain-death. Sudden death.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1 hr. 3 hr.

Learning Objectives	Contents	Teaching hours
<ul> <li>identify and interpret different signs and modes of death.</li> <li>diagnose deaths due to environmental cause</li> <li>identify the artefacts on the dead body- both ante-</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Natural and unnatural death:</li> <li>Signs of death.</li> <li>Modes of death.</li> <li>Presumption of death and survivorship.</li> </ul>	2 hrs. 2 hrs.
<ul> <li>mortem &amp; post-mortem</li> <li>manage dead body</li> <li>write death certificate as per ICD</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Suspended animation.</li> <li>Death due to occupational and environmental causes e.g.</li> <li>Chronic metallic poisoning (Arsenic, lead).</li> </ul>	2 hr. 2 hr.
	<ul> <li>Starvation.</li> <li>Electrical injuries.</li> <li>Snake bite.</li> </ul>	2 hrs.
	<ul> <li>Food poisoning.</li> <li>Precaution in handling high risk cases during Autopsy (AIDS, Hepatitis).</li> </ul>	2 hr.
	<ul><li>Handling and management of dead body</li><li>Death certificate as per ICD</li></ul>	2 hr.
Students will be able to identify & differentiate: <ul><li>rigor Mortis, saponification, Putrefaction,</li></ul>	<ul><li>Changes after death:</li><li>Cooling of body, lividity, Rigor mortis.</li></ul>	2 hr.
<ul> <li>mummification &amp; maceration.</li> <li>determination of time since death.</li> <li>identify &amp; describe the eye &amp; skin changes after death.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Changes of Eyes &amp; Skin.</li> <li>Putrefaction, mummification, adepocere.</li> <li>Principles of estimation of time of death.</li> <li>Post-mortem artefacts.</li> </ul>	2 hr.

Learning Objectives	Contents	Teaching hours
Students will be able to:  • establish identity of living & dead persons (Age, sex, race).  • determine the cause & nature of death from the	CORE: Identification:  Definition, Identity of living persons & dead bodies.  Race, age, sex.  Identification in mass death & examination of human remains.  Trace Evidence.  Forensic – Radiology.  Forensic Dactylography.	10 hrs.
<ul> <li>mention medico-legal importance of blood grouping, typing to establish identification, paternity &amp; maternity.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Forensic Odontology.</li> <li>DNA Profiling.</li> <li>Bioinformatics</li> <li>Blood groups:</li> <li>Medico-legal importance; blood grouping. HLA typing, DNA Profiling.</li> <li>CORE:</li> <li>INQUEST Report:</li> </ul>	2 hrs. 2 hrs. 2 hrs. 1 hr.
Students will be able to demonstrate about:  • inquest done by police, magistrate and coroner.	<ul> <li>Medico-legal autopsies:</li> <li>Medico-legal post-mortem.</li> <li>Objectives, procedures, formalities of Medico-legal autopsies. Obscure autopsy, Negative autopsy.</li> <li>Special procedures in suspected poisoning cases.</li> <li>Examination of mutilated bodies and exhumation.</li> <li>Additional:</li> <li>Criteria of a modern mortuarry.</li> </ul>	2 hrs. 2 hrs. 2 hrs. 2 hrs. 2 hrs.
<ul> <li>autopsy</li> <li>exhumation &amp; its medicolegal importances.</li> <li>Perception about safe working &amp; proper utilization of a modern morgue &amp; Laboratory facilities.</li> </ul>		

Learning Objectives	Contents	Teaching
		hours
<ul> <li>Students will be able to</li> <li>describe different types of wounds, produced by different weapons.</li> <li>identify the cause of death due to wounds.</li> </ul>	Wounds and its types & M.L Aspects:  Mechanical injuries. Fire arm & injuries Blast injury & injuries caused by explosive. Cause of death due to wounds & its legal aspects. Age of wound (Healing of wound) Battered Wives and battered baby syndrome. Mass disaster and its management  Additional:	12 hrs. 2 hrs. 2 hr.
<ul> <li>identify the nature of the wounds.</li> <li>differentiation of deaths due to different regional injuries.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Differences between accidental, suicidal and homicidal wound.</li> <li>Regional injuries:         <ul> <li>Head, neck, chest, abdomen, genitalia.</li> <li>Extremities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Injuries due to physical agents:         <ul> <li>Thermal, chemical, electricity, lightning &amp; radiation injuries.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Wounds certification:         <ul> <li>Medicolegal aspect of wounds (Simple &amp; Grievous)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul><li>3 hr.</li><li>3 hrs.</li><li>3 hrs.</li></ul>

Learning Objectives	Contents	Teaching hours
Students will be able to  • identify various forms of battery & their medico-legal importances.	<ul> <li>Violence against women.</li> <li>Domestic violence.</li> <li>Additional:</li> <li>Cot death, SIDS</li> <li>Death due to neglect</li> </ul> CORE:	2 hr. 2 hrs.
diagnose various forms of asphyxial deaths, and their medico-legal aspects.	<ul> <li>Asphyxial deaths:</li> <li>Drowning, hanging, throttling and strangulation &amp; suffocation</li> <li>Traumatic Asphyxia</li> <li>Additional:</li> <li>Sexual Asphyxia.</li> </ul>	10 hrs.
diagnose Pregnancy & delivery with their medico-legal importances.	<ul> <li>CORE:</li> <li>Pregnancy signs &amp; pregnancy period in the living and in the dead. Medicolegal importance of pregnancy</li> <li>Delivery: signs of recent and remote delivery in the living and dead.</li> </ul>	5 hrs.

Learning Objectives	Contents	Teaching hours
<ul> <li>Students will be able to:</li> <li>define &amp; diagnose abortion its types &amp; complications &amp; medicolegal importances.</li> <li>differentiate between criminal and justifiable abortion.</li> <li>describe medico-legal importances of viable age.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CORE: Abortion &amp; its legal bearing.</li> <li>Spontaneous, Artificial-justifiable and criminal abortion, delivery</li> <li>Infanticide: <ul> <li>Additional:</li> <li>Foeticide and viability</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2 hrs. 2 hrs. 2 hrs.
<ul> <li>describe collection, preservation, and dispatch of visceras, blood and body fluid for chemical analysis.</li> <li>differentiate between true &amp; false virginity, impotency &amp; sterility.</li> <li>describe – Procedure of examination of victim or accused.</li> <li>identify sign &amp; symptoms of rape &amp; other sexual offences with their medico-legal importances.</li> <li>describe different sexual deviations, artificial insemination with their medico-legal importance.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Definition and Medico-legal considerations of viability;</li> <li>Determination age of foetus. Foeticide &amp; IUF death.</li> <li>CORE:</li> <li>Biological fluids and stain: Collection</li> <li>Collection, preservation, dispatch of visceras &amp; blood &amp; body fluids for chemical analysis.</li> <li>Impotency, sterility, virginity and defloration. Artificial insemination and other artificial methods of conception with medico-legal implication. </li> <li>Surrogated mother &amp; baby.</li> <li>Sexual offences: <ul> <li>Natural: Rape, Adultery, Incest.</li> <li>Unnatural: sodomy, Lesbianism, Bucculcoitus, Bestiality</li> </ul> </li> <li>Additional: <ul> <li>Sexual perversions.</li> <li>Paternity and maternity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul><li>2 hr.</li><li>2 hrs.</li><li>2 hrs.</li><li>5 hrs.</li><li>2 hrs.</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Students will be able to:</li> <li>describe how to diagnose a case of mental disorder.</li> <li>describe how to fix-up civil, criminal and social responsibilities of an insane person.</li> </ul>	Forensic Psychiatry  CORE:  Types of mental disorder, lucid interval, testamentary capacity.  Criminal responsibility of an insane person.  Diminished responsibility.  True insanity and feigned insanity:  Important terms of Forensic Psychiatry.  Civil & Social responsibilities.	4 hrs.

Learning Objectives	Contents	Teaching hours
<ul> <li>explain the codes of medical ethics &amp; state legislations.</li> <li>"HEALTH ETHICS"</li> <li>describe the functions and disciplinary control of BM&amp;DC.</li> <li>describe the rights and privileges of a registered medical practitioner.</li> <li>describe the patients' rights.</li> <li>describe the professional negligence and its legal responsibilities.</li> <li>describe consent and its type.</li> <li>describe Workmen's compensation act, Medical maloccurance, product liabilities &amp; mercy killing with their medico-legal importances.</li> </ul>	Medical Jurisprudence  CORE:  Code and law of medical ethics, its history and Geneva declaration, Tokyo declaration & other declarations.  Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council (BMDC), its constituents, functions and disciplinary control.  Rights and privileges of a registered medical practitioner & rights of patients.  Professional secrecy & privileged communication  Medical Malpractice: civil & criminal, Negligence, Misconduct.  "PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP"  Components of the physician-patient relationship  Fairness and Equity  Specific Health Issues  Jargons in the field of medical ethics.  CODE OF MEDICAL ETHICS OF BM&DC  Duties of a medical practitioner towards his patient and the society, Professional infamous conduct/misconduct.  Precuations against professional negligence.  Consent  Duties and responsibilities of a doctor.  Medical Maloccurance & Product Liabilities, vicarious liability.  Additional:  Euthanasia or Mercy killing.  Organ transplantation Act.  Consumer protection Act.  Workmen's compensation Act.	hours  10 hrs.  6 hrs

Learning Objectives	Contents	Teaching hours
Students will be able to:      define a poison.     describe the factors modifying the action of poisons.     classify poisons.     describe the duties of a doctor in case of poisoning.     outline the principles of management of acute poisoning.     describe post-mortem appearances of respective poisoning cases.	CORE: General aspects of poisoning: Forensic Toxicology& general toxicology. Poisons. Factors modifying the action of poison. Antidote. Classification of poisons. Principles of Management of acute & chronic poisoning. Corrosive poisons: strong acids & alkalis. Metallic poisons: Lead, Arsenic and Copper. Delirients: Dhatura, Cannabis. Somniferous agents: Opium and its derivatives Hypnotics – Barbiturate. Inebriates: Alcohol, Kerosine. Gaseous poisons: Carbon monoxide, Chlorine & CO <sub>2</sub> , Cooking gass (methane). Insecticides: Organo-phosphorus & chlorocomponds. Snake Bite. Potka fish(Puffer fish)	20 hrs.
<ul> <li>describe post mortem appearances in the dead body of the posoining cases.</li> </ul>		

Learning Objectives	Contents	Teaching hours
	Tutorial & Observations CORE:	
Students will be able to:  • performing medico-legal cases individually.	<ul> <li>Observation of ten medicolegal autopsies.</li> <li>Injuries in the casualty department and weapons in the Forensic Medicine department.</li> </ul>	10 hours 2 hours
<ul> <li>performing medico-legal autopsies under supervision.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Specimens of poisons.</li><li>Age estimation from bones by X-rays.</li></ul>	2 hours
• attend the court as a witness and dispose there.	Observation/examination of intoxicated persons in the ward (Indoor).	3 hours
	• Examination of victim and accused of sexual offences in the Forensic Medicine department.	2 hours
	Practical Skill CORE:	2 hours
<ul> <li>prepare/write certificates on injury cases, births, deaths, sickness &amp; fitness, medical, dicharge etc.</li> <li>write reports on medico-legal autopsies.</li> <li>prepare dying declaration.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Preparation of certificates on following: Medico-legal situations:</li> <li>Injury certificates, medical certificate &amp; discharge certificate</li> <li>Birth and death, Physical fitness &amp; sickness certificates.</li> <li>Autopsy report writting of ten cases</li> </ul>	3 hours
<ul> <li>recognize medico-legal cases individually.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Autopsy report writing of tell cases</li> <li>Dying declaration.</li> <li>Insanity.</li> <li>Age certificate.</li> </ul>	3 hours
	Certificates of sexual assault.	4 hours
<ul> <li>Students will be able to:</li> <li>explain the procedures of examination of sexual offences.</li> <li>explain and describe the procedure of post. mortem examination.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CORE:</li> <li>Examining cases of sexual offences.</li> <li>Post mortem examination.</li> <li>Determination of age.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>explain the procedures of determination of age.</li> <li>describe the suspected poisoning cases and can describe the emergency management of an intoxicated patient in the ward.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Management of Poisoning:</li> <li>Stomach wash.</li> <li>Visit to court, police station, DNA lab, OCC, Forensic lab.</li> </ul>	2 hrs.

# **Existing summative assessment of Forensic Medicine**

Assessment systems and mark distribution.

Components	Marks	Total Marks
Formative assessment	10	10
WRITTEN EXAMINATION		
MCQ	20	
SAQ	70	90
Practical Examination		100
ORAL EXAMINATION (Structured).		100
Grand Total		300

- There will be separate Answer Script for MCQ.
- Pass marks 60 % in each of theoretical, oral and practical.

## Example of a "Format" for Integrated Teaching

Teacher of	Teacher of	Teacher of	Teacher of Forensic Medicine				
Anaesthesiology	Pharmacology	Medicine					
Hazards of anaesthesia and causes of death, injury and disability.	The Pharmacological aspects of opium and opoids.	Clinical aspects of acute opium and opoids poisoning.	<ul> <li>When and how far anaesthetists are responsible for such death?</li> <li>Legal responsibilities of an anaesthetist.</li> <li>Forensic aspects of acute opium and opoid poisoning.</li> <li>Determination of causes of death due to above poison.</li> <li>Methods for determination and confirmation of the poison.</li> </ul>				

# **Program for Integrated teaching**

Topics	Learning Objective	Teaching & Learning Methods	Assessment	Department
<ul> <li>Sudden natural death – Medicine + F. Medicine.</li> <li>Clinical toxicology – Pharmacology. + F.Medicine</li> </ul>	Students will be able to:  Identify sudden natural death cases.  Identification and legal aspects of deaths due to poisoning.	Lectures & Seminers		Medicine & Forensic Medicine
<ul> <li>Identification and blood group &amp; inheritance.</li> <li>Blood Transfusion hazards and death.</li> <li>Determination of parenthood.</li> <li>Legal responsibility of a blood transfusion officer.</li> </ul>	Students will be able to:  Ascertain legitimacy and paternity of a child.  Students will be able to:			Blood Transfusion & Forensic Medicine
<ul> <li>Legal responsibilities of a Radiologist.</li> <li>Determination of 'bone age.</li> <li>Detection of foreign bodies in victims of crime.</li> <li>Diagnosis – pregnancy etc.</li> <li>Ultra-sonographic diagnosis of pregnancy.</li> <li>Radiological hazards (hazards of radiation).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ascertain age of victim (person) from radiological studies.</li> <li>Diagnose pregnancy.</li> </ul>			Radiology & Forensic Medicine
Toxicological and forensic aspect  Common poisons.  Atropine.  Morphine and its derivatives- heroin /phensidyl  Tranquillisers.  Barbiturates.  Alcohol.  Cannabis indica in different forms.	Identify the P.M Findings in case of these poisons.			Pharmacology & Therapeutics & Forensic Medicine
<ul> <li>Insecticides / pesticides</li> <li>Organophosphorus compounds.</li> <li>Chlorocompounds.</li> </ul>	-Do-			
<ul> <li>Classification and definition of mental disorders.</li> <li>Mental disorders and crime.</li> <li>Mental disorders and Civil and Criminal responsibilities.</li> </ul>	Diagnose a case of mental disorder & fix up his civil, criminal & social responsibilities.			Psychiatry & Forensic Medicine

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<ul> <li>legal aspect and clinical aspect.</li> <li>Injuries in general.</li> <li>Head injury and neck injury.</li> <li>Chest injuries.</li> <li>Abdominal injuries.</li> <li>Burns and scalds.</li> </ul>	Identify & interpret these injuries in living and dead bodies.		Surgery & Forensic Medicine				
<ul> <li>Anaesthetic hazards and causes of death</li> <li>Respiratory failure in poisoning.</li> </ul>	Identify death due to anaesthetic hazards.		Anaesthesiology & Forensic Medicine				
<ul> <li>Inflammation</li> <li>Infection</li> <li>Histopathological studies: <ol> <li>Antemortem wounds.</li> <li>Post-mortem wounds.</li> <li>Lungs and other viscera in asphyxial death and correlation with pneumonia and pulmonary oedema.</li> <li>Detection of bloodstain and seminal stain.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Pathological study of hair: <ol> <li>Pathological studies of sudden death.</li> <li>Pregnancy tests.</li> <li>H.L.A., blood group and paternity.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Understand the pathological changes in these conditions.		Pathology & Forensic Medicine				
<ul><li>Pregnancy.</li><li>Abortion.</li><li>Labour.</li><li>Lactation.</li></ul>	Understand how to diagnose these cases with their medico-legal importance.		Obstetric & Gynaecology & Forensic Medicine				

## **Academic Schedule for Forensic Medicine**

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase																	
$1^{st}$	$1^{st} TERM   2^{nd} TERM$																	
	1	2	3	4	5		6		7	8		9	10	11	1 12			
	Jurisp HEAI BMDe Code Profes Inques Medic declar legal s Malpr practif Death identif Asphy Mass	sic Medicine orudence CTH ETHIC C, Rights & & law of me ssional Secrest, Medical cologal reportation, Court systems. Taxis, Consertioners. Changes affication, Medical death disaster profiling	S Privileges of dical ethics exy. ertificate, ets including s procedure at, Duties of	g dying es, Medico- f medical	Lecture- 40		Internal assessment  Practical 30 hrs. Tutorial 30hrs.		due to certification of the ce	aticide, B ervation a aces, Implicial inse- ated pater ansic psyceral aspec- ification,	al agen Vehicu d delivi iologicand des otence minati mity a hiatry et of pe Medi bisonir of visc of acu- ant po	nts, Wular in wery, A cal flu spatche and sion and ma colegang, Procera, te pois kalis, bison, assection	Yound Ajuries. Abortion, Aid/ swabs A, Sexual Sterility, Ad Atternity, Ang and its Al Beservation Soning. Metallic	Lecture- 40		Internal Assessment  Practical 25 hrs. Tutorial 25 hrs.		

## • Hours of Teaching:

• Large group

\* Lecture - 80 hours.

• Small group

\* Practical - 55 hours.

\* Tutorial - 55 hours.

\* Integrated teaching/ Assignment - 5 hours.

Total = 195 hours.

## **Summary of the Forensic Medicine Academic Programme**

	1st Term	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	Total
Lecture/Revision	40 hrs	40 hrs	80 hrs
Practical/ Demonstration	30 hrs	25 hrs	55 hrs
Tutorial	30 hrs	25 hrs	55 hrs
Integrated	3 hrs	2 hrs	5 hrs
Teaching/Assignment			
Total			195 hrs