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RSA International Firearms Examiner Training Academy

This academy is an accelerated firearms training program, and it is incumbent on each student to make sure that the assigned readings are completed before arriving at the academy. The students will also be responsible for keeping up with the fast-paced learning environment which may include late night study sessions and/or research.

There will be written exams given weekly or by topic and comparison practicals throughout the academy.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 1 - August 4-8, 2025 - Theory of Identification and Range of conclusions• Week 2 - August 11-15, 2025 - Toolmark examinations, Comparisons and Identifications #1• Week 3 - August 18-22, 2025 - Toolmark examinations, Comparisons and Identifications #2 (Scope work week)• Week 4 - August 25-29, 2025 - Modern Firearms and Ammunition Development and Current Trends• Week 5 - September 1-5, 2025 - Operating Systems and Armor's Courses• Week 6 - September 8-12, 2025 - Firearms Examination, Documentation, and Test Firing• Week 7 - September 15-19, 2025 - Machining and Manufacturing Modern Firearms• Week 8 - September 22-26, 2025 - Manufacture and Evolution of Modern Ammunition• Week 9 - September 29 – October 3, 2025 - Cartridge, Cartridge case and Shotgun examination #1• Week 10 - October 6-10, 2025 - Cartridge, Cartridge case and Shotgun examination #2 (all Scope work week)• Week 11 - October 13-17, 2025 - Bullet Examination and Comparisons #1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 12 - October 20-24, 2025 - Bullet Examination and Comparisons #2 (all Scope work week)• Week 13 - October 27-31, 2025 - Manufacture Tours: Ammunition and Firearms• Week 14 - November 3-7, 2025 - Firearm Comparison Work (all Scope Work week)• Week 15 - November 10-14, 2025 - Gun Shot Residue/Distance Determinations, Shooting Scene Reconstruction• Week 16 - November 17-21, 2025 - Quality Assurance and Serial Number Restoration/Obliterated Markings• BREAK - November 24-28, 2025, THANKSGIVING BREAK• Week 17 - December 1-5, 2025- Courtroom Testimony Training / Daubert Prep – assignment of mock case• Week 18 - December 8-12, 2025 - Firearm Comparison Work (all Scope Work week)• Week 19 - December 15-19, 2025 - Expert Witness Testimony / Mock Trials• BREAK - December 22-January 2, 2025 - CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS BREAK• Week 20 - January 5-9, 2025 - Finals Week / Oral Boards / Research Project Presentations / Graduation |
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