This course uses actual criminal cases to introduce the field of forensic genetics. Students develop the skills to interpret the evidence of matching genetic profiles; to perform calculations relevant for parentage determinations; the identification of remains; and to consider the implications of familial searching of DNA databases.

Preliminary Readings:

“The Blooding: The True Story of the Narborough Village Murders” by Joseph Wambough
“The Run of His Life: The People v. O.J. Simpson” by Jeffrey Tobin

Cases to be discussed