**CADAVER LAB RULES AT SFCC**

**Use of the Cadaver Lab at SFCC:**

Because of a new science building and cadaver lab, students have the opportunity to participate in a rich tradition and experience a privilege shared by few. Cadavers are referred to as "human anatomical specimens", a description that seems inadequate for such a valuable gift to your education. Working with human material requires respect and sensitivity.

Our cadavers are obtained from the Willed Body Programs either at the University of Washington School of Medicine or Washington State University/WWAMI Medical Education Program. Persons donating their body receive no financial compensation; this is truly their ultimate gift to your education. Hence it is imperative that proper respect be paid to the cadaver at all times. The cadavers are returned to the Universities for cremation once SFCC has finished with them.

**General Rules for Use of the Cadavers:**

**Care of Cadavers:**  
The cadaver must be kept moist at all times. The cadaver is covered with sheets moistened with embalming fluid. Only uncover the area you are studying. Occasionally mist the area you are working on using the spray bottle containing water. When you are through, you or your instructor will replace the sheets and cover the entire body with the plastic sheet and zip up the body bag.

**Laboratory Access:**  
The lab is locked when not in use. If you want to use the lab outside of class times, these times will need to be coordinated by Gary Blevins. Only students currently enrolled in an anatomy/physiology course are allowed in the lab. **DO NOT BRING IN FRIENDS OR VISITORS! NO PHOTOS ALLOWED!**

**Laboratory Safety**:

**a. Attire:** Cadavers are embalmed with a fluid containing glycerin, ethyl alcohol and phenol. Physical contact of your skin and clothing with the cadaver should be avoided. You are required to wear disposable gloves at all times while working in the cadaver lab. Non-latex/ powderless gloves are also available.

Wear a disposable long-sleeved lab coat while working with the cadaver. Lab coats may not be worn outside of the lab. Dirty lab coats are a health hazard and are offensive. No open-toed shoes or sandals are allowed in the cadaver lab. Wear shoes that cover your entire foot. Sterile safety goggles are available for use at your discretion.

Contact lenses should not be worn in the lab for more than a few minutes because contact lenses can absorb chemical vapors. If you must wear contacts for prolonged periods in the cadaver lab, you are required to purchase and wear vapor proof goggles.

**b. Personal Items**: Only your textbook and lab manual are allowed in the cadaver lab. Leave all backpacks or other personal items in the outer A/P lab. **NO CELL PHONES OR CAMERAS ALLOWED!**

**c. Food:** Food and drinks are not allowed in the cadaver lab at any time.

**d. Tissues**: All tissues removed from the cadaver must be collected and placed in the designated containers near the tables. These containers are sent back with the cadaver for cremation. Do not place any human tissue in a garbage can. Do not discard paper towels, gloves, etc. in these tissue containers; use the garbage cans.

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**e. Ventilation:** The ventilation system in the lab is designed to remove air at the level of the cadaver and to reduce exposure to the embalming chemicals and odors. The ventilation system remains on at all times. There is a negative air flow to keep odors from leaving the lab. The door to the lab must be closed at all times. If you experience respiratory difficulties while in the lab, leave immediately and contact your anatomy/physiology instructor. If you notice an odor while in the outer lab when the door to the cadaver lab is closed notify your instructor.

No body parts, tissue, etc. will be removed from the lab except by the instructor. Disrespect for the cadaver will not be tolerated. You must demonstrate professional conduct while in this lab and outside of the lab particularly if you discuss anything related to the cadaver in a public place. **Again, photographs may NOT be taken in the cadaver lab.**

If unsure of anything, ask your instructor. Always remember that working with human cadaver material requires respect and sensitivity.

If you see anyone disrespecting the cadavers, taking photos or bringing friends in the cadaver lab please report the incident promptly to your A/P instructor so disciplinary action may be taken which may include expulsion from the class. By receiving a copy of these cadaver lab rules, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the cadaver lab rules at SFCC and that you accept any disciplinary action for breaking any of the rules.

Enjoy this unique experience and rare educational opportunity!