

# CAS in Forensic Imaging and Virtopsy



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Weiterbildung

## Organizing body

University of Zurich, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Dr. med. Michael Thali  
Zurich Institute of Forensic Medicine

## Program Coordination

Dr. med. Wolf Schweitzer, Zurich Institute of Forensic Medicine

## Instructors

The main topics are taught by instructors from the University of Zurich.  
Invited guests from other higher education institutions and specialists in the field of forensic medicine, radiology and forensic imaging are part of the teaching staff.

## Information, contact and registration

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## Website

[www.irm.uzh.ch/de/lehre/Weiterbildung/forensicimaging](http://www.irm.uzh.ch/de/lehre/Weiterbildung/forensicimaging)

## Application

Until December 31, 2025  
[www.irm.uzh.ch/lehre](http://www.irm.uzh.ch/lehre)



# Forensic Imaging and Virtopsy

Certificate of Advanced Studies CAS 2026  
Faculty of Medicine  
University of Zurich

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## Curriculum

The CAS Forensic Imaging and Virtopsy provides theoretical knowledge and practical skills in forensic imaging, notably post-mortem CT, reporting cases, post-mortem angiography, post mortem MRI as well as surface scanning and 3D-photogrammetry, robot-guided biopsy, and clinical forensic imaging. It also relates new and visionary ideas. The program is structured in three parts that are required for the certificate (modules 1, 2 and 3).

Module 0: Facultative Pre-Course: Virtopsy Visualisation (software use)

Module 1: Virtopsy Basic Course (theoretical aspects)

Module 2: Virtopsy Advanced Course (theoretical aspects)

Module 3: Virtopsy Practical Course

## Target

The major aim is to equip participants with in-depth theoretical and practical knowledge of indications, provision, diagnosis and assessment of a variety of imaging methods in postmortem radiology and forensic imaging.

## Target audience

Students have a master's degree in medicine and certification as a specialist in forensic medicine or radiology. Persons with a bachelor's degree or with an equivalent qualification may be admitted to the program.

## Methods

The program combines academic teaching and research with clinical practice, while also promoting methodological skill.

## Language & accreditation

The entire program is conducted in English. The course regularly obtains accreditation from EACCME (awarding CME-points for all modules) and ISFRI (International Society of Forensic Radiology and Imaging).

## Degree

Certificate of Advanced Studies UZH in Forensic Imaging and Virtopsy (10 ECTS Credits)

## Assessment

- Case Book (documentation of 50 post mortem cases)
- On-site Case Reporting (documentation of one real case in our institute under our supervision)
- Written assessments of compulsory Modules 1, 2 and 3

## Number of participants

The program is restricted to max. 20 participants for all parts/modules

## Dates

Module 0: Facultative Virtopsy Visualisation Course: March 6, 2026

Module 1: March 9 to 10, 2026

Module 2: March 11 to 13, 2026

Module 3: March 16 to 20, 2026

## Venue

Zurich Institute of Forensic Medicine, Winterthurerstrasse 190/Y52, Campus Irchel, 8057 Zurich, Switzerland

## Costs

CHF 10 500.– for all compulsory modules (1–3), which include Virtopsy Basic (CHF 1 300.–), Advanced Course (CHF 1 900.–), and Practical Course (CHF 7 300.–), materials and examination fees. Not included are traveling costs, food and housing. Visit of individual modules is possible, incrementally for the compulsory modules. Visualisation Pre-Course: + CHF 450.– for registrants of module 1 and CHF 650.– as standalone module.