

Thank you for your interest in Western Carolina University's* Body Donation Program. The donation of a person's body is a remarkable anatomical gift, and we are very grateful. Please be aware of, and adhere to, the following policies:

1. Once a body has been donated, it is not possible for the Western Carolina University Forensic Anthropology Program (hereinafter University Program) to return the donated remains to the family or Next-of-Kin.

2. A certified copy of the death certificate must be received before donated remains can be accepted.

3. We do not perform autopsies to determine cause of death.

4. We do not accept the donation of a body that has been diagnosed with a communicable disease. These diseases include, but are not limited to, smallpox, plague, HIV infection, tuberculosis, hepatitis of any kind, rabies, Jakob-Creutzfeldt, or antibiotic resistant infections such as MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus). This applies even if contracted after the donation has been arranged. Donors with an infectious disease who still wish to donate may do so by choosing to have their remains cremated prior to donation. See our Cremation Policy below.

5. If donated remains weigh in excess of 250 pounds at the time of death, we reserve the right to refuse the donation. If weight may be an issue, please consider cremation. We do accept cremated remains. See our Cremation Policy below.

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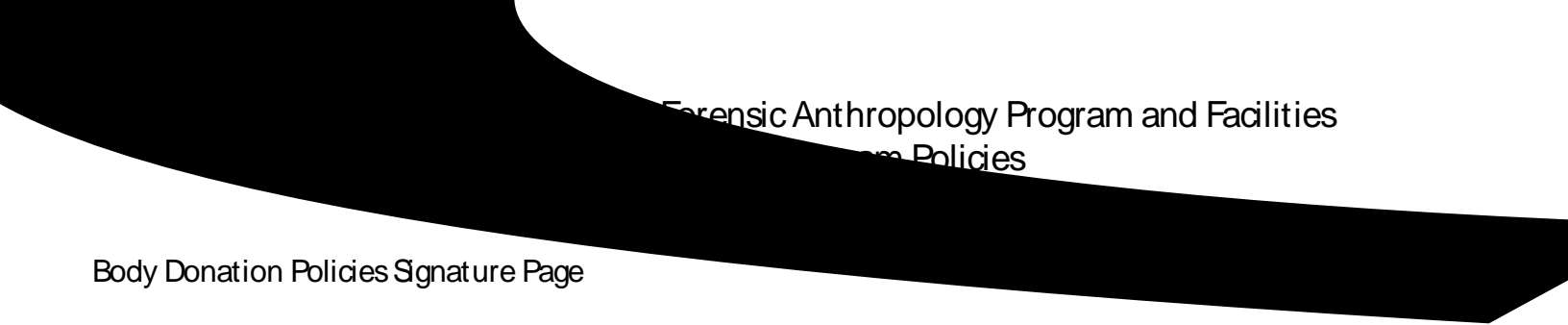
We accept donations that have received an autopsy, have donated tissue, or have already begun the decomposition process. Remains may be donated after the organ donation process; however, it is imperative that the donated remains not be embalmed. An embalmed body cannot be accepted as the embalming process inhibits decomposition and is a safety hazard for researchers.

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6. All other applicable procedures or recommendations described above will be applied.

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Copies of this form should be retained by the donor and/or Next-of-Kin for records keeping. The original copy should be sent to:

Body Donation Program
Department of Anthropology and Sociology
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Cullowhee, NC 28723

I have read, understood, and agree to the body donation policy of the Western Carolina University Forensic Anthropology Program. Tm..00000912 0 612 792 reW*ñBT/F2 11.04 Tf1 0 0 1 70.224 641.74 Tm0 g0 GDhW*ñBe20.8 612 792 reW

