

The Numismatic Diploma Course III

Detecting Counterfeit and Altered Coins

COURSE OVERVIEW



1.

Counterfeiting Through the Ages

This section examines the history and origins of counterfeiting, the reasons for the expansion of counterfeiting in the last 150 years, and why counterfeits are produced.

2.

Where Do I Start?

This section will examine the key tools used in counterfeit detection, the common mistakes made by collectors, major risk factors, the characteristics of genuine coins, how counterfeit dies and counterfeits are created, and common alterations.

3.

Key Date Diagnostics

This section will examine the diagnostics associated with key dates. Cents, trimes, nickels, dimes, quarter dollars, commemoratives, silver dollars, and gold coins will be individually examined.

4.

Test Your Skills

This section gives you a variety of coins to examine. All of the coins provided are verified counterfeits. You will use the information provided in this course to look at the year and series to pinpoint the diagnostics that are red flags on the specific coin being reviewed.

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