



## MASTER COURSE OUTLINE

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### COURSE TITLE

Criminal Investigations

### GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Dept.: CJ

Course Num: 215

(Formerly: )

CIP Code: 45.0401

Intent Code: 11

Program Code: 841

Credits: 5

Total Contact Hrs Per Qtr.: 55

Lecture Hrs: 55

Lab Hrs: 0

Other Hrs: 0

Distribution Designation: General Elective GE

### COURSE DESCRIPTION (as it will appear in the catalog)

This course will review the role investigations play in the criminal justice system. Topics covered will include: investigative theory; collection and preservation of evidence; sources of information; interview and interrogation; uses of forensic sciences; case and trial preparations. Investigation techniques will be practiced as part of the course.

### PREREQUISITES

Completion of CJ& 101 or instructor permission

### TEXTBOOK GUIDELINES

Agreed upon by the department

### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

*Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to demonstrate the following knowledge or skills:*

1. Define the goals and objectives of criminal investigations.
2. Conduct proper crime scene investigations.
3. Demonstrate the use of forensic science for various statutory offenses.
4. Compare and contrast the difference between interview and interrogation.
5. Organize a criminal case – including field notes, photographs and other crime scene activities.

### INSTITUTIONAL OUTCOMES

IO1 Communication: Students will be able to execute effective oral and written communication skills related to their discipline (e.g., report writing).

IO3 Human Relations/Workplace Skills: Students will be able to explain ethical decision making and know why high personal ethics is vital in criminal justice.

### COURSE CONTENT OUTLINE

1. Basic Investigative Responsibilities
2. Documenting the Crime Scene

3. Writing Effective Reports
4. Searches
5. Forensics/Physical evidence
6. Obtaining Information
7. Identifying and Arresting Suspects
8. Investigating Violent Crimes
9. Investigating Crimes against Property
10. Other Challenges to Investigations (Computer Crime, Gangs, Terrorism, etc.)

**DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES** *(optional)*

Student evaluation will be based on individual performance on examinations/quizzes, written reports, and class exercise participation.

PO4 and PO7 should be assessed.

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**DIVISION CHAIR APPROVAL**

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**DATE**