



Course Information

Course Title	Criminal Investigation
Course Prefix, Num. and Title	CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigation
Division	Social and Behavioral Science
Department	Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement
Course Type	Academic General Education Course (from ACGM, but not WCJC Core)
Course Catalog Description	Investigative theory; collection and preservation of evidence; sources of information; interview and interrogation; uses of forensic sciences; case and trial preparation.
Pre-Requisites	TSI satisfied in Reading and Writing
Co-Requisites	Enter Co-Requisites Here.

Semester Credit Hours

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): Lecture Hours:	3:3:0
Lab/Other Hours	
Equated Pay Hours	3
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Lab Hours	0
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Clinical Hours	0
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Practicum Hours	0
Other Hours Breakdown	0

Approval Signatures

Title	Signature	Date
Prepared by:		
Department Head:		
Division Chair:		
Dean/VPI:		
Approved by CIR:		

Additional Course Information

Topical Outline: Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, and clinical or other non-lecture instruction).

- A. Basic Investigative Responsibilities
- B. Documenting the Crime Scene
- C. Writing Effective Reports
- D. Searches
- E. Forensics/Physical Evidence
- F. Obtaining Information
- G. Identifying and Arresting Suspects
- H. Investigating Violent Crimes
- I. Investigating Crimes Against Property
- J. Other Challenges to Investigations (Computer Crime, Gangs, Terrorism, etc.)

Course Learning Outcomes:

Learning Outcomes – Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Define the goals and objectives of criminal investigation
2. Demonstrate ability to conduct proper crime scene investigations
3. Demonstrate the use of forensic science for various statutory offenses
4. Organize the criminal case including field notes, reports, crime scene activities

Methods of Assessment:

1. Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions
2. Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions, Crime Scene Analysis Reports/Research Papers
3. Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions, Crime Scene Analysis Reports/Research Papers
4. Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions, Crime Scene Analysis Reports/Research Papers

Required text(s), optional text(s) and/or materials to be supplied by the student:

Michael D. Lyman, Criminal Investigation (Justice Series), most recent edition.

Suggested Course Maximum:

35

List any specific or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course.

None

Course Requirements/Grading System: Describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course.

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

0-69 F

Tests/quizzes 40-60%

Crime Scene Analysis Reports/Research Papers 15-30%

Homework 10-20%

Discussions 10-20%

Attendance 5-10%

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Curriculum Checklist:

- Administrative General Education Course** (from ACGM, but not in WCJC Core) – No additional documents needed.
- Administrative WCJC Core Course.** Attach the Core Curriculum Review Forms
 - Critical Thinking
 - Communication
 - Empirical & Quantitative Skills
 - Teamwork
 - Social Responsibility
 - Personal Responsibility
- WECM Course** -If needed, revise the Program SCANS Matrix and Competencies Checklist