

## Administrative Master Syllabus

### Course Information

<b>Course Title</b>	Criminal Investigation
<b>Course Prefix, Num. and Title</b>	CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigation
<b>Division</b>	Social and Behavioral Sciences
<b>Department</b>	Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement
<b>Course Type</b>	Academic General Education Course (from ACGM, but not WCJC Core)
<b>Course Catalog Description</b>	Investigative theory; collection and preservation of evidence; sources of information; interview and interrogation; uses of forensic sciences; case and trial preparation.
<b>Pre-Requisites</b>	TSI ELAR (Reading and Writing) requirements met
<b>Co-Requisites</b>	None

### Semester Credit Hours

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

### Approval Signatures

Title	Signature	Date
<b>Department Head:</b>		
<b>Division Chair:</b>		
<b>VPI:</b>		

## **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%

### **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