



Purpose: It is the intention of this Administrative-Master Syllabus to provide a general description of the course, outline the required elements of the course and to lay the foundation for course assessment for the improvement of student learning, as specified by the faculty of Wharton County Junior College, regardless of who teaches the course, the timeframe by which it is instructed, or the instructional method by which the course is delivered. It is not intended to restrict the manner by which an individual faculty member teaches the course but to be an administrative tool to aid in the improvement of instruction.

Course Title – Criminal Investigation

Course Prefix and Number – CRIJ 2314

Department – Criminal Justice

Division - Social & Behavioral Science

Course Type: (check one)

- Academic General Education Course (from ACGM – but not in WCJC Core)
- Academic WCJC Core Course
- WECM course (This course is a Special Topics or Unique Needs Course: Y or N)

Semester Credit Hours # : Lecture Hours # : Lab/Other Hours # 3:3:0

Equated Pay hours for course - 3

Course Catalog Description - Investigative theory; collection and preservation of evidence; sources of information; interview and interrogation; uses of forensic sciences; case and trial preparation.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites – TSI satisfied in Reading and Writing

List Lab/ Other Hours
Lab Hours
Clinical Hours
Practicum Hours
Other (list)

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Date 3/6/14

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Date 3/17/14



I. Topical Outline – Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, 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.)

II. Course Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes	Methods of Assessment
<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions</p> <p>Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions, Crime Scene Analysis Reports/Research Papers</p> <p>Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions, Crime Scene Analysis Reports/Research Papers</p> <p>Tests/quizzes, homework, discussions, Crime Scene Analysis Reports/Research Papers</p>

III. Required Text(s), Optional Text(s) and/or Materials to be Supplied by Student.

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IV. Suggested Course Maximum - 35

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

none

VI. 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%

VII. Curriculum Checklist

- **Academic General Education Course** (from ACGM – but not in WCJC Core)
No additional documentation needed

- **Academic WCJC Core Course**
Attach the Core Curriculum Review Forms

- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Empirical & Quantitative Skills
- Teamwork
- Social Responsibility
- Personal Responsibility

- **WECM Courses**
If needed, revise the Program SCANS Matrix & Competencies Checklist.