



Course Name: Criminal Investigation

Course Number: CJS* E220

Credits: 3

Catalog description:

An introduction to the procedures and techniques of criminal investigation. Topics discussed will include the interview, interrogation, crime scene search, collection and preservation of evidence, and case preparation.

Prerequisite, Corequisite, or Parallel: CJS*E101 – Introduction to Criminal Justice (Prerequisite)

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):

None

Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs:

None

Embedded Competency(ies):

None

Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):

None

Course objectives:

General Education Goals and Outcomes:

None

Course Specific Objectives:

1. Develop knowledge of specific career area in criminal justice.
2. Develop knowledge of criminal investigation and its' impacts on the criminal justice system.
3. Develop understanding of various investigative techniques in criminal justice.



4. Develop and improve collaborative and interpersonal communication skills.
5. Develop active listening skills.
6. Develop ability to make sound decisions within a limited time frame.
7. Develop understanding of special ethical issues in criminal justice professions.

Course Content:

Roles of Police and Crime Laboratory Personnel

- (a) first officer on scene
- (b) seizure of evidence

Investigation

- (a) Preliminary
- (b) Follow-up

Identification

- (a) victims
- (b) suspects

Crime Scene and Associated Procedure

- (a) securing the scene
- (b) processing the scene

Collection of Physical Evidence

- (a) proper evidence collection techniques
- (b) proper evidence packaging techniques
- (c) chain of evidence
- (d) special concerns

Field Notes and Reporting

- (a) note taking techniques
- (b) report writing techniques

Interviews

- (a) necessary information
- (b) follow up

Interrogation

- (a) preparation
- (b) techniques

Specific Types of Investigations

- (a) Injury and Death
- (b) Sex related offenses
- (c) Robbery
- (d) Burglary
- (e) Larceny
- (f) Arson
- (g) Drugs
- (h) Missing persons



(i) Other types of crime

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