

Montgomery County Community College
CJS 200
Criminal Investigation
3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The theory of investigation, conduct at crime scenes, the collection, handling, and preservation of criminal evidence and other criminal investigation practices and procedures, discussion of scientific aids and their use in investigation, preparation of cases, emphasizing methods and problems of information and interrogation techniques.

REQUISITES:*Previous Course Requirements*

- CJS 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Explain how the technical and scientific aspects of criminal investigation, and the constitutional and legal constraints under which investigators operate, are integrated.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis Simulated Crime Scene Exercises AV/Multimedia Materials Internet Field Trips Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams Technology Utilization (Computer and Internet)	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study Graded Simulated Crime Scene Exercises

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
2. Describe the basic requirements governing crime scene control and processing.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis Simulated Crime Scene Exercises AV/Multimedia Materials Internet Field Trips Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams Technology Utilization (Computer and Internet)	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study Graded Simulated Crime Scene Exercises
3. Demonstrate proficiency in crime scene note-taking, documenting, and reporting.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis Simulated Crime Scene Exercises AV/Multimedia Materials Internet Field Trips Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams Technology Utilization (Computer and Internet)	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study Graded Simulated Crime Scene Exercises
4. Explain the specific constitutional constraints relating to searches and seizures, self-incrimination, and right to counsel, and how these relate to the conduct of a criminal investigation.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis Simulated Crime Scene Exercises AV/Multimedia Materials Internet Field Trips Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams Technology Utilization (Computer and Internet)	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study Graded Simulated Crime Scene Exercises

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5. Describe the function of criminal intelligence what is meant by "intelligence-led" policing.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis Simulated Crime Scene Exercises AV/Multimedia Materials Internet Field Trips Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams Technology Utilization (Computer and Internet)	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study Graded Simulated Crime Scene Exercises
6. Describe how undercover and surveillance operations are conducted, and their constitutional allowances.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis Simulated Crime Scene Exercises AV/Multimedia Materials Internet Field Trips Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams Technology Utilization (Computer and Internet)	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study Graded Simulated Crime Scene Exercises
7. Demonstrate proper procedures for conducting interviews and interrogations.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis Simulated Crime Scene Exercises AV/Multimedia Materials Internet Field Trips Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams Technology Utilization (Computer and Internet)	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study Graded Simulated Crime Scene Exercises

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
8. Explain the special requirements of particular kinds of crime scenes, especially those that relate to interpersonal violence, property crimes, and drug offenses.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis Simulated Crime Scene Exercises AV/Multimedia Materials Internet Field Trips Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams Technology Utilization (Computer and Internet)	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study Graded Simulated Crime Scene Exercises

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation: Overview
2. Processing the Crime Scene
3. The Crime Scene: Field Notes, Documenting & Reporting
4. Search & Seizure
5. Identification of Criminal Suspects: Field and Laboratory Procedures
6. The Criminal Intelligence Function
7. Undercover and Surveillance Operations
8. Making an Arrest
9. Interviewing and Interrogation
10. Development and Management of Informants
11. Wrongful Death
12. Robbery
13. Assault and Related Offenses
14. Sexual Assaults
15. Missing and Abducted Persons
16. Child Abuse and Neglect
17. Burglaries
18. Larceny-Theft
19. Motor Vehicle Theft
20. Arson and Bombings
21. Drug Offenses
22. White Collar Crimes
23. Preparation for Court

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Lyman, Michael D. (2017). *Criminal Investigation: The Art and the Science* (8th ed.).
Pearson/Prentice Hall.

Textbooks are retained or changed at the discretion of the division. The decision to retain or change a textbook will be effective with the Fall term. When a textbook is retained, its latest edition will be adopted as of the Fall term.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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