JEFFERSON COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

CRJ222

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

3 Credit Hours

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CRJ222  Criminal Investigation

I. CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION

A. Prerequisite: reading proficiency

B. 3 semester credit hours

C. Criminal Investigation studies the criminal act and its investigation, including specific crimes against the person and against property. The process of fact-gathering, testing of hypotheses, and the problem of proof are also examined. (F, S)

II. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES/CORRESPONDING ASSESSMENT MEASURES

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<td>Identify the basic principles of criminal investigation</td>
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<td>Describe the current investigation procedures, including report writing, interview, and</td>
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<td>Compare and contrast the major theories related to criminal investigation, as they relate</td>
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<td>Identify and discuss the philosophies and concepts relating to prevention, apprehension</td>
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III. OUTLINE OF TOPICS

A. Criminal investigation

B. Basic investigative responsibilities
   1. Documenting the crime scene: note taking, photographing, and sketching
   2. Writing effective reports
   3. Searches
   4. Forensics/physical evidence
   5. Obtaining information and intelligence
   6. Identifying and arresting suspects

C. Investigating violent crimes
   1. Death investigations
   2. Assault, domestic violence, stalking, and elder abuse
   3. Sex offenses
   4. Crimes against children
   5. Robbery
D. Investigating crimes against property
   1. Burglary
   2. Larceny/theft, fraud, and white-collar crime
   3. Motor vehicle theft
   4. Arson, bombs, and explosives

IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION
   A. Lecture
   B. Field trip/on-site demonstrations
   C. Guest speakers
   D. Practical application/CD ROM

V. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK


VI. REQUIRED MATERIALS

   None

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES

   To be determined

VIII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

   A. Tests - 40%
   B. Practical lab exercises - 30%
   C. Class participation - 10%
   D. Final exam - 20%

IX. ADA AA STATEMENT

   Any student requiring special accommodations should inform the instructor and the Coordinator of Disability Support Services (Library phone 636-481-3169).
X.  ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

   All students are responsible for complying with campus policies as stated in the Student Handbook (see College website, http://www.jeffco.edu).

XI. ATTENDANCE STATEMENT

   Students earn their financial aid by regularly attending and actively participating in their coursework. If a student does not actively participate, he/she may have to return financial aid funds. Consult the College Catalog or a Student Financial Services representative for more details.