

# STANDARDIZED COURSE OUTLINE

## SECTION I

SUBJECT AREA AND COURSE NUMBER: CJS G220

COURSE TITLE: Criminal Investigation

COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION: An introduction to the procedures and techniques of criminal investigation. Topics discussed will include interview, interrogation, witness identification, crime scene search, collection and preservation of evidence for forensic science analysis and case preparation.

LECTURE HOURS PER WEEK: 3

CREDIT HOURS: 3

LAB HOURS PER WEEK (if applicable): 0

PREREQUISITE(S): CJS G101 Introduction to Criminal Justice

## SECTION II

A. SCOPE: The course explores the fundamental and advanced features of criminal investigation, duties and responsibilities of the detective, interviewing, interrogation, and information-gathering skills, crime scene analysis, collection, preservation, and testing of evidence, surveillance and undercover work, raid and sting operations, modus operandi, use of technology, types of evidence, and the science of criminalistics. Emphasis is placed on the interdisciplinary and forensic use of knowledge from the natural and social sciences. Students will not only examine methods of apprehension but also crime prevention and suppression techniques. Relevant court decisions, that affect the procedures and guidelines that criminal investigators must follow will also be analyzed.

B. REQUIRED WORK: To be determined by the instructor and described in the course syllabus.

C. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: Regular attendance and class participation are expected. Specific instructor policies should be listed in the class syllabus.

D. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: The methods of instruction are determined by each instructor and may include but are not limited to lecture, lecture/discussion, small group, collaborative learning, experimental/exploration, distance learning, students presentations, or use of technologies such as audio-visual materials, computer, language laboratory, and calculator.

E. OBJECTIVES, OUTCOMES, and ASSESSMENT: The following objectives and outcomes represent the department's core requirements for student achievement:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT METHODS
<b>To demonstrate an understanding of:</b>	<b>Student will:</b>	<b>As measured by:</b>
<p>Basic theoretical and philosophical understanding of the criminal investigation process</p> <p>Implications of the Constitution of United States on the collection of evidence for criminal cases.</p> <p>Problems encountered in interviewing, interrogating, evidence collection and admissibility</p> <p>Investigative theories and the administration of justice</p>	<p>Examine the duties and responsibilities of the detective / investigator</p> <p>Understand the laws governing investigative practices and operations</p> <p>Apply knowledge of the elements of criminal law in guiding evidence collection &amp; crime scene analysis</p> <p>Effectively demonstrate the ability to use basic techniques of detective / investigation work including forensic analysis</p> <p>Identify the interdisciplinary use of knowledge from the natural and social sciences.</p> <p>Investigate a simulated crime scene</p>	<p>Attendance of both class and extra-curricular lectures</p> <p>Completion of reading and written assignments.</p> <p>Oral presentations</p> <p>Service learning projects</p> <p>Quizzes and test</p>

F. TEXT(S) AND MATERIALS: To be determined by the instructor and described in the course syllabus.

G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Access to audio-visuals and computer based presentations equipment and Internet based course management systems.