

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Criminal Justice 240 Criminal Investigation
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Gehl, Rod, and Darryl Piecas. *Introduction to Criminal Investigation: Process, Practices and Thinking*. Publisher: Lulu, 2023
- D. Prerequisites: None

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores issues including the effective interview and interrogation techniques, crime scene management and lab processes, crime scene documentation methods, case preparation and court presentation.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- A. Demonstrate ethical decision making
- B. Develop investigative skills
- C. Demonstrate documentation methods throughout the entire investigation process
- D. Explain appropriate protocol for collection, preservation and transportation of physical evidence
- E. Construct a case for court presentation

IV. COMPETENCIES

- A. Evolution of criminal investigation and forensic science
- B. Legal aspects of investigation
- C. Investigators, the investigative process, and the crime scene
- D. Physical evidence
- E. Interviewing and interrogating
- F. Field notes and reporting
- G. The follow-up investigation and investigative resources
- H. The crime laboratory
- I. Injury and death investigations
- J. Sex-related offenses
- K. Crimes against children
- L. Human trafficking
- M. Robbery and burglary
- N. Larceny/theft and white-collar crime
- O. Vehicle thefts and related offenses
- P. Cybercrime
- Q. Agricultural, wildlife, and environmental crimes
- R. Arson and explosives investigations
- S. Recognition, control, and investigation of drug abuse
- T. Terrorism
- U. The trial process and the investigator as a witness

V. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. Case management
- B. Scene management
- C. Evidence
- D. Interviews
- E. Court proceedings

VI. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Writing assignments

- C. Discussions
- D. Quizzes and tests

VII. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Attendance and participation
- B. Assignments
- C. Quizzes and exams