Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: CJS 209
Course Title: Criminal Investigation

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences
PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer
CIP Code: 43.0114
Repeatability: 0

Effective Date: Summer 2026

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 4-0-4
Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 4	Lab: 0	Clinical: 0	**Total: 4**

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Theory and practice of investigations from scene to courtroom. Interviewing, interrogation, case preparation, criminalistic applications.

General Course Objectives

Students will become familiar with the investigative process from crime scene to the courtroom. Students will learn the potential of the crime lab in solving crimes.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 099	None	None

Prerequisites

Credit in CJS 101

Methods of Evaluation

Chapter quizzes, midterm and final exams, applied learning assignments, and discussions.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

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Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Introduction and History of Criminal Investigation	1. Discuss the history, development, and evolution of criminal investigation and significant milestones.	2	0	0
Constitutional Issues in Investigations	1. Demonstrate an understanding of the basic constitutional principles of criminal investigations.	4	0	0
Crime Scene and Physical Evidence Issues	1. Identify the responsibilities of an investigator at a crime scene to locate, identify, properly collect, mark, package, and preserve evidence.	6	0	0
Interviewing and Interrogation	1. Review the techniques used to acquire information from individuals.	3	0	0
Reports and Notes	1. Examine aspects of the field note and report writing process.	3	0	0
Investigative Sources	1. Identify various types of sources of information and their importance.	2	0	0
Criminal Offenses: Evaluation and Investigation	1. Evaluate and apply rational scientific investigative methods to specific offenses including offender and victim typographies. Offenses include but are not limited to specific injury and death; sex related crimes; crimes against children; robbery; burglary; theft; vehicle thefts; cyber crime; arson and explosives; controlled substances; terrorism.	40	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
60	0	0