

SYLLABUS

Code: CRJU 204

Title: Forensic Investigation

Institute: Business and Social Science

Department: Criminal Justice

Course Description: Forensic Investigation constructs a bridge between basic criminal investigation and forensic science. The course will take forensic evidence, amplify it, collect it, process it and bring it into a Forensic Laboratory. Scientific methods will be explained and evidence examination techniques will be explored.

Prerequisites: A grade of "C" or higher in CRJU-101

Corequisites:

Prerequisites or Corequisites:

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK/MATERIALS: See WebAdvisor and College Bookstore for book information.

ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS:

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- explain crime scene preservation and safety
- describe firearm injuries, sharp force injuries, and electrical injuries regarding crime scene investigation
- apply methods and procedures for procuring fingerprints during an investigation.
- describe the role of the medical examiner in homicide cases.
- examine the issues of professional responsibility and ethical standards as they relate to the subject matter of this course.

The objective of this course is NOT to make forensic experts or scientists out of the student. The course will demonstrate the workings and limitations of a crime laboratory, as well as the importance of physical evidence.

GRADING STANDARD:

Three exams: 70% of final grade

One Student project to be discussed in class: 10%

One Student paper to be outlined in class: 20%

A = 93-100
A- = 90-92
B+ = 86-89
B = 83-85
B- = 79-82
C+ = 77-78
C = 70-76
D = 65-69
F = <65

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INC = 70% of Assignments completed for consideration of an incomplete

COURSE CONTENT:

Crime Scene Preservation and the importance of physical evidence
Blood Scene Evidence
Firearm Injuries/Trace Evidence
Sharp Force Injuries
Asphyxia/Autoerotic Deaths
Fire Deaths and Arson
Death/time of Death/Decomposition
Fingerprints
The Role of the Medical Examiner

DEPARTMENT POLICIES:

See instructor's addendum

COLLEGE POLICIES:

For information regarding:

- ◆ Brookdale's Academic Integrity Code
- ◆ Student Conduct Code
- ◆ Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [BCC STUDENT HANDBOOK AND BCC CATALOG](#).

NOTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Disabilities Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability, and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT/LABS:

See <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/tutoring-center/> for information on tutoring.

The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arises.