

## INTRODUCTION TO CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

AJ 132

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**Textbook:** Crime Scene Reconstruction, by Dr. Robert Ogle

**Course Description:** This course provides an overview of crime scene investigation and the disciplines of forensic science. The course focuses on the role and duties of the crime scene investigator and the investigation of crime scenes and evidence. Topics include basic crime scene investigation, evidence identification, photography, evidence collection procedures, DNA and latent fingerprints.

**Class Procedures:** This course utilizes interactive class participation and facilitated discussions while providing students with the skills and knowledge of basic crime scene investigation and evidence collection.

**Examinations and Quizzes:** Students will be quizzed weekly on the subject matter of the previous week. Students will also have a Mid-Term and Final-Examination. Homework assignments will also be given and extra credit assignments may be completed to offset sub standard grades.

**Attendance:** According to the ECC Catalog, "Regular attendance is expected of every student. A student may be dropped from class when absences from class exceed the number of units assigned to the course..."

**Class Drop:** File a drop notice in the Admission Office. You may drop a class up to the twelfth week and still receive a "W". After that date, state law requires a letter grade. It is still the student's responsibility to complete all paperwork when dropping a class.

**Grading:** Grading will be cumulative, based on the scores of the weekly quizzes, mid-term exam, final exam and any combination of extra credit and make-up assignments. Class participation and attendance count for fifty percent of the grade and the examinations, classroom activities and the final mock crime scene make up the final fifty percent.

**Rating:** A = 90%    B= 80%    C = 70%    D = 60%    F= Below 60%

**Course Topics:** CSI Class Overview

(Week #1) – Introduction and orientation. Overview of course and course requirements; Role of the CSI. Reality vs Public Perception of CSI

(Week #2) – First Response to crime scene. Crime scene preservation and crime scene management.

Week #3) – Preliminary Investigation. Organizing investigative team, crime scene searches, evidence documentation, crime scene sketches. CSI and evidence, documentation supplies

(Week #4) – CSI reports/investigative report writing

(Week #5) –Evidence Identification

(Week #6) – Advanced technology and Forensic Investigation, DNA evidence, DNA, CODIS

(Week #7) – Digital photography and crime scenes, crime scene photography

(Week #8) – Evidence collection procedures

(Week #9) – Mid-Term Exam - Crime Scene Activity

(Week #10) – Latent fingerprints, Identification and processing

(Week #11) – Courtroom presentation of evidence

(Week #12) – Legal aspects of crime scene investigation; ethics and issues

(Week #13) – Career preparation, review for final project

(Week #14) – Final Review

(Week #15) – Crime Scene Practical's

(Week #16) – Final exam and crime scene practical

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

*Upon completion of this course, AJ 132 – Crime Scene Investigation, and participating in the learning process, the students will:*

**SLO Statement #1** –*The students will achieve a basic level of proficiency and an ability to demonstrate the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary to conduct a basic crime scene investigation.*

**SLO Statement #2** – *The students will gain a principal understanding of the role of the Crime Scene Investigator in the criminal investigation process.*

**SLO Statement #3** – *The students will recognize evidence at the crime scene and understand the value of crime scene evidence as it relates to crime scene investigation and providing investigative leads.*

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