



Course Name: CJS-215 Investigative Function

Date Updated: 4/2022

Credit Hours/week: 3 hrs./wk. – 3 cr.

BEGINNING: SPRING 2022

Catalog Description: Fundamentals of reconstructing a chronological sequence of events as to if, when and how a crime was committed. This includes searching, collecting, preserving, evaluating and cross-comparing physical and oral evidence within the framework of accepted procedural and constitutional laws. Procedures using proven scientific methods and analysis to meet the ideal standards of an investigation to resolve the issue, identify the offenders and professionally present the findings in court are included.

Prerequisite: None

Text: Criminal Investigation: Basic Perspectives, Lushbaugh & Weston, Prentice Hall

Supplementary Material: Current periodicals and related articles in the field

Syllabus:

Topics
Evolution
Legal Aspects; Investigators
Physical Evidence; Interviewing and Interrogation
Field Notes
The Crime Lab and Injury and Death Investigations
Sex Related Offenses; Crimes Against Children
Robbery; Burglary
White Collar Crime; Vehicle Thefts
Computer Crime; Environmental Crimes
Arson and Explosives; Drug Abuse
Terrorism; The Trial Process
Class Summation

Students are expected to adhere to the policies of the County College of Morris. These can be accessed at: (insert link here)

Statement of Expected Course LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamentals of reconstructing a chronological sequence of events as to if, when, and how a crime was committed.
- Analyze the methods of searching, collecting, preserving, evaluating, and cross-comparing physical and oral evidence within the framework of accepted procedural and constitutional laws.
- Employ procedures using scientific methods and analysis to meet the ideal standards of an investigation.
- Evaluate the actions of criminal offenders and formulate a hypothesis regarding the crime and be able to professionally present the findings in a court of law.

Statement of Relation to Curriculum(s):

- An elective course in the Criminal Justice curriculum.