

Course Outcome Summary

Standard Program Course

CRJ 156 Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation

Course Information

Division Humanities/Social Sciences

Course Number CRJ 156

Contact Hours 45
Total Credits 3

Prerequisites

RDG 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests

Course Description

This course looks at the criminal investigation from a practical approach. Students will understand a crime scene and what is "evidence". The students will be exposed to the concepts of physical and testimonial evidence and how they can be brought into court. The basic principles of forensics will be applied to the evidence. The rules of evidence will be discussed to assure a working knowledge of how the crime scene transforms into a court case.

Program Outcomes Addressed by this Course:

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to meet the program outcomes listed below:

- A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and processes of the Criminal Justice System
- B. Develop problem solving skills in a variety of situations that utilize critical thinking and situational analysis.
- C. Explain both substantive and procedural criminal law, criminological concepts and the study of crime and victimology.
- D. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
- E. Discuss Constitutional protections applied to the criminal justice system.
- F. Promote professionalism through the use of ethics and diversity in course offerings.

Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Explain the purpose of a criminal investigation and how the process and results fit into the scope of the Criminal Justice System.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
- 2. Recognize and describe the various techniques of investigation for the different types of crimes.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
- 3. Apply the basic rules of evidence and how they apply in an investigation.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
- 4. Demonstrate and describe the proper collection and handling of evidence.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F
- 5. Be able to properly document and transfer evidence of a suspected crime.



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- -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F
- 6. Discuss the practical and ethical challenges while investigating and collecting evidence.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F

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