

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Criminal Investigation

Course #: CJS 220

Course Description: 3 Credits

Fundamentals of criminal investigation; theory and history; crime scene to courtroom with emphasis on techniques appropriate to specific crimes. Students will process a mock crime scene.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Intro. To Criminal Justice CJS 101, Grade of C- or better

Goals: To study the methods of investigating various crimes with an emphasis on collection and presentation of evidence.

To understand the impact of Supreme Court cases in the investigation of everyday crimes.

Outcomes: Upon completion of the course the student should be able to

- Develop perspectives of the role of the crime investigator in the American Criminal Justice System
- Increase familiarity with the technical methods and techniques available
- Develop skills in observation, recording and reporting of criminal activities
- Increase knowledge of the methods employed to safe-guard evidence for court presentation
- Be familiar with the problems of court room testimony and evidence presentations

College Policies

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