



Course Information

Division	Humanities and Social Sciences
Course Number	CRJ
Contact Hours	60
Total Credits	3

Prerequisites

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

Course Description

This non-science-based course serves as an introduction to criminal forensics and forensic evidence. A clear introduction to the technology of the modern crime laboratory for non-scientists. Only the most relevant scientific and technological concepts are presented. The nature of physical evidence is defined, and the limitations that technology and current knowledge impose on its individualization and characterization are examined. A major portion of the class centers on discussions of the common items of physical evidence encountered at crime scenes. Particular attention is paid to the meaning and role of probability in interpreting the evidential significance of scientifically evaluated evidence. This course will require lab work outside of the normal course time throughout the semester.

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 importance of evidence in the Criminal Justice System.
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,F
2. Explain the differences between the types of evidence.
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,F



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3. Explain how to handle and maintain chain of custody for different types of evidence.
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
4. Explain the laws effecting evidence, evidence collection, and admissibility.
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
5. Discuss the techniques of analysis of different types of evidence.
- Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
6. Discuss the practical and ethical problems involved in the practice of evidence collection and analysis.
- Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F

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