

CASPER COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Number & Title: CRMJ 2130 Sec 01 Criminal Investigations

Semester / Year: Fall 2015

Lecture Hours: 3 Credit Hours: 3 Room: PS 317

Class Time: 6:00pm – 8:50pm Day: Thursday

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Course Description: Each student will be orientated into the areas of criminal investigations, from the earliest crime scene techniques to the present computer aides. We will look at the ideas and technologies of the National FBI Crime Lab, the Wyoming State Crime Lab, and the local agencies labs.

Statement of Prerequisite: None

General Objectives: This class will give the student an insight of becoming a “**First Responder for Crime Scene Management.**” It will introduce the student to the theory and application pertaining to crime scene preservation and investigative techniques. Such as, report writing and documentation, interview and interrogation, collecting and preserving physical evidence, preliminary and follow up investigation, and courtroom testimony. We will also look into what the future of “**CRIME FIGHTING**” and see where we are going into the next millennium.

Specific Objectives: This course introduces the basics of crime scene investigation and prepares the student for Criminalistics.

Methodology: Skills will be developed through lectures, testing, and other readings.

Evaluation Criteria: There will be quizzes and three (3) section exams throughout the semester. Five (5) unexplained absences will automatically lower the student's letter grade. The student's final grade will be based on the following: Quizzes, Book Analysis, three (3) section exams and attendance (5 points per day).

Grading scale: 90% – 100% A 80% – 89% B
70% – 79% C 60% – 69% D
Below 60% F

Required Text, Readings: Criminal Investigation, by: Michael D. Lyman
 Mind Hunter, by Douglas & Olshaker

Last Date to Change to Audit Status or Withdraw with a “W”: November 12, 2015, with permission of the instructor.

Class Policies: Classroom etiquette is essential to an orderly class. Classroom distractions created by personal conversations, cellular telephones, pagers, musical devices, play stations, and other equipment will not be tolerated. Likewise, late arrivals and early departures are to be avoided. The instructor reserves the right to deny admittance to late arriving students. Disruptive students will be excluded from the class.

Criminal Justice Employment: Criminal Justice employment will almost require the applicant to complete and pass a thorough background investigation. Students majoring in criminal justice should be aware that criminal history, substance abuse, mental illness, and significant financial problems may render them unemployable in a criminal justice agency. Likewise, students should make every effort to safeguard their reputations while attending college. Many criminal justice agencies also have physical fitness requirements for candidates seeking certain positions. In addition, some agencies have maximum age standards for entry-level enforcement officer positions.

Student Rights and Responsibilities: Please refer to the Casper College Student Conduct and Judicial Code for information concerning your rights and responsibilities as a Casper College Student.

Chain of Command: If you have any problems with this class, you should first contact the instructor in order to solve the problem. If you are not satisfied with the solution offered by the instructor, you should then take your problem through the appropriate chain of command starting with the department head, then the division chair, and lastly the vice president for academic affairs.

Academic Dishonesty - Cheating & Plagiarism: Casper College demands intellectual honesty. Proven plagiarism or any form of dishonesty associated with the academic process can result in the offender failing the course in which the offense was committed or expulsion from school. See the Casper College Student Code of Conduct.

ADA Accommodations Policy: It is the policy of Casper College to provide appropriate accommodations to any student with a documented disability. If you have a need for accommodation in this course, please make an appointment with our Accommodative Services Counselor 268-2557.

ITINERARY - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
FALL, 2015
Chapters

August	27	Orientation / History
September	3	Part 1
	10	Part 1 & Chapter 9
	17	Part 1
	24	Part 1/ Review
October	1	Test 1
	8	Part 3
	15	Part 3
		Book Analysis Due
	22	Part 3 / Review
	29	Test 2
November	5	Part 2
	12	“Mind Hunter – Serial Killers”
	19	“Criminal & Racial Profiling”
	26	Happy Thanksgiving
December	3	Courtroom/Testifying
	10	Review
	17	Final

BOOK ANALYSIS
True Crime Novel

Due Date: October 15, 2015

Typed Format in the following order:

1. Title / Author / ISBN Number
2. Names of:
 - Perpetrators
 - Agency (ies) Involved
 - Agents Involved
 - Courts Involved
3. Narrative of the crime committed. Answering the questions: Who, What, When Where, How they committed the crime.
4. Narrative of the evidence and witnesses used to prosecute the perpetrator(s).
5. Disposition of the perpetrators (Found guilty, not guilty, etc.), and sentencing.

