



COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE: CJC 221 INVESTIGATIVE PRINCIPLES

HOURS: Lecture: 3 Lab/Shop: 2 Work Exp/Clinical: 0 Credits: 4

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces the theories and fundamentals of the investigative process. Topics include crime scene/incident processing, information gathering techniques, collection/ preservation of evidence, preparation of appropriate reports, court presentations, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to identify, explain, and demonstrate the techniques of the investigative process, report preparation, and courtroom presentation.

PREREQUISITE(S): None

COREQUISITE(S): None

TEXTBOOK(S) & OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Open Educational Resources (OER) are listed in the course Moodle.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain the history of investigations.
2. Explain the process of investigating a crime scene.
3. Explain the importance between preserving life and preserving evidence.
4. Explain the steps of securing a crime scene.
5. Discuss the use of forensic hypnosis, the polygraph, fingerprint kits, the use of dental stone castings.
6. Discuss the importance of testifying in court.
7. Explain the proper handling and labeling of evidence.
8. Explain the importance of and the use of a notebook.
9. Discuss key figures involved in the developing of investigations and the different techniques.
10. Name international agencies that work with American agencies in solving crimes, identifying perpetrators of crimes, locating and apprehending them and the legal processes of extradition.

*****Please refer to the online version of the Richmond Community College Program & Course Catalog and the Student Handbook for current academic and general information.**