CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
Course Syllabus

Course Number: LAW-0511               OHLAP Credit: No
OCAS Code: None
Course Length: 30 Hours
Career Cluster: Law, Public Safety, Corrections
& Security
Career Pathway: Law Enforcement Services
Career Major(s): Criminal Justice Forensics & Security

Pre-requisite(s): None
Course Description: The legal and technical procedures required to gain the evidence necessary to prove the elements of crimes as defined by the Title 21 Oklahoma State Statutes. The course includes the search, collection and preservation of evidence, witness and victim interviewing, preparation of reports, crime scene records, standard crime scene photography, and virtual crime scene photography.

Textbooks: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Larry J. Siegel -Wadsworth (2009)
Crime Scene Processing, Patrick Jones, & Ralph E. Williams (2009)

On-line Resources:
http://www.cleet.state.ok.us/Professional_Certification_Utility_Codes.htm

Curriculum Resources:
Private Security Series – CIMC
Medical Learning Activities II CD-ROM
http://www.okcimc.com/

Course Objectives: The student will be able to describe the key concepts and principles of criminal investigations.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
1. Identify procedures for property and violent crime investigations.
2. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of crime scene photography.
3. Identify various techniques of crime scene sketching.
4. Describe the difference between rough and finished crime scene sketches.
5. Identify the role and importance of the written police report.
6. Describe the role and importance of field notes.
7. Identify the steps in the preliminary investigations of burglaries.
8. Describe how to trace stolen property.
9. Identify various types of physical evidence found in robberies.
10. Identify the various modes of death.
11. Describe defensive wounds.
12. Describe techniques in identifying victims.
13. Describe the fundamentals of protecting the crime scene.
14. Describe the importance of marking and preserving physical evidence.
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15. Identify various techniques used in interviews and interrogations.

ODCTE Objective

Teaching Methods: The class will primarily be taught by the lecture and demonstration method and supported by various media materials to address various learning styles. There will be question and answer sessions over material covered in lecture and media presentations. Supervised lab time is provided for students to complete required projects.

Grading Procedures:
1. Students are graded on theory and lab practice and performance.
2. Each course must be passed with seventy (70%) percent or better.
3. Grading scale: A=90-100%, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, D=60-69%, F=50-59%.

Description of Classroom, Laboratories, and Equipment:

Tulsa Technology Center campuses are owned and operated by Tulsa Technology Center School District No. 18. All programs provide students the opportunity to work with professionally certified instructors in modern, well-equipped facilities.

Available Certifications/College Credit

The student may be eligible to take state, national or industry exam after completion of the program. College credit may be issued from Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee or Tulsa Community College. See program counselor for additional information.

College Credit Eligibility:

The student must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better.