

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CRJ 211S CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
3 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Survey of common principles and techniques of criminal investigation, including crime scene procedures, collection and preservation of evidence, development of leads, interview and interrogation techniques, and investigation of major crimes.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's level		Program Outcomes
1	1. List the terms associated with criminal investigation.	5
2,3	2. Conduct the preliminary investigation and protect the crime scene.	2
2	3. Describe the methods used to document the crime scene, including note taking, photographing and sketching.	4,5
5	4. Compile a well-written police report.	1,5
3	5. Demonstrate the steps involved in processing the crime scene, from discovery of evidence to disposal of evidence.	3,4
1	6. List and identify potential sources of useful information.	1,2
4	7. Compare and contrast the procedures for identifying and arresting criminal suspects.	3,5
4	8. Explain the legal issues involved in interviews and interrogations.	2
4	9. Analyze the four classifications of death.	4
2	10. Describe the factors used in estimating the time of death.	2
2	11. Describe the techniques used for investigating major crimes.	1,4

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles which guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce these core values whenever appropriate.

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Criminal Investigation: An Overview
2. Documenting the Crime Scene: Note Taking, Photographing, and Sketching
3. Writing Effective Reports
4. Searches
5. Forensics/Physical Evidence
6. Obtaining Information
7. Identifying and Arresting Suspects
8. Death Investigations
9. Assault, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Elder Abuse
10. Sex Offenses
11. Crimes Against Children and Youths
12. Robbery

13. Burglary
14. Larceny/Theft, Fraud, and White-Collar Crime
15. Motor Vehicle Theft
16. Arson, Bombs, and Explosives

TEXTS AND MANUALS

Bennett and Hess, Criminal Investigation, 8th Edition, 2008, Thomson-Wadsworth