

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE

Course: CJ 205 Criminal Investigation

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: RD 100, EN 060

Description:

An examination of the techniques of criminal investigation and investigative strategies in conjunction with legal responsibilities and controls that govern police investigations.

Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Define the major goals of criminal investigation.
- Articulate the various types of criminal investigations and their importance as related to criminal justice
- Explain the constitutional and legal limitations as well as the ethical concerns regarding criminal investigations
- Analyze basic techniques of collection, preservation, and documentation of evidence.

Topical Outline:

- Criminal Investigation: An Overview
- Basic Investigative Responsibilities
- Documenting the Crime Scene: Note Taking, Photographing and Sketching
- Writing Effective Reports
- Searches
- Forensics/Physical Evidence
- Obtaining Information and Intelligence
- Identifying and Arresting Suspects
- Investigating Violent Crimes
- Death Investigations
- Assault, Domestic Violence, Stalking and Elder Abuse
- Sex Offenders
- Crimes Against Children
- Robbery
- Investigating Crimes Against Property
- Burglary
- Larceny/Theft, Fraud and White Collar Crimes
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson, Bombs and Explosives
- Other challenges to the Criminal Investigator

- Computer Crime
- A Dual Threat: Drug-related Crime and Organized Crime
- Criminal Activities of Gangs and Other Dangerous Groups

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Student Assessment: Assessment may be accomplished through projects, portfolios, exams, presentations and/or papers.

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Note: If you are having difficulty with work in this class tutoring is available through the Center for Academic & Student Success. If you think that you might have a learning disability, contact Project Assist at 856.691.8600 x 1282 for information on assistance that can be provided to eligible students.

### **Before Withdrawing From This Course**

If a student experiences adverse circumstances while enrolled in this course and considers withdrawing, s/he should see an advisor (division or advisement center) **BEFORE** withdrawing from the class. A withdrawal may cause harmful repercussions to completion rate standards and overall GPA which can limit or eliminate future financial aid in addition to causing academic suspension.