

Principles of Criminal Investigation

Criminal Justice 202/ item #5025

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Dates: 9/23-12/9/13

Class: D103

Daily: 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

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Required Text:

Criminal Investigation (11th Edition), by: Swanson, Chamelin, Territo, Taylor ISBN: 978-0-07-811152-5. McGraw Hill Publishers, 2011.

Course Description: The purpose of this class is to present the fundamentals of crime scene investigation, to develop skills in sketching, fingerprinting, latent print development, crime scene protection and the preservation and collection of firearms and/or components as they appear in criminal investigations.

Schedule: The following schedule is **tentative** and may be modified **with** notice. **Students are responsible for ANY and ALL changes that are made to this schedule, even if not present when changes are discussed.** Assigned readings should be completed **prior** to class.

INVESTIGATIVE PROBLEM:

You will be required to conduct an investigation of a mock crime scene. You will work in teams of four in order to collect evidence, conduct interviews, document the scene, and write a report. Mock scene scenario will be handed out during the seventh week of class. The paper is worth 100 points.

COURSE OUTLINE: (Chapters 15-21 as time permits)

Week 1: 9/23-9/27

Introduction to course and expectations (syllabus)

Read: Chapter 1: The Evolution of Criminal Investigation and Criminalistics

Read: Chapter 2: Legal Aspects of Investigation

Week 2: 9/30-10/4

Read: Chapter 3: Investigators, The Investigative Process, and the Crime Scene

Read: Chapter 4: Physical Evidence

Week 3: 10/7-10/11

Read: Chapter 5: Interviewing And Interrogation

Read: Chapter 6: Field Notes and Reporting

Week 4: 10/14-10/18

Read: Chapter 7: The Follow-up Investigation and Investigative Resources

Read: Chapter 8: The Crime Laboratory

10/18 Midterm

Week 5: 10/21-10/25 (No Class October 23th)

Read: Chapter 9: Injury and Death Investigation

Week 6: 10/28-11/1

Read: Chapter 10: Sex Related Offenses

Week 7: 11/4-11/8

Read: Chapter 11: Crimes Against Children

Read: Chapter 12: Human Trafficking

Assign Investigative Problem: Wednesday, 11/6; Due – Wednesday, 11/27

Week 8: 11/11-11/15 (November 11th is a holiday-NO CLASS)

Read: Chapter 13: Robbery

Read: Chapter 14 Burglary

11/15 Midterm Two

Week 9: 11/18-11/22

Read: Chapter 15: Larceny/Theft and White-Collar Crime

Week 10: 11/25-11/29 (11/28 & 11/29 are holidays)

11/28 & 11/29 - NO CLASS

Read: Chapter 16: Vehicle Thefts and Related Offenses

Due: Investigative Problem, due beginning of class

Week 11: 12/2-12/6

Read: Chapter 16: Vehicle Thefts and Related Offenses (Continued)

12/9-12/11 FINALS WEEK

12/9 (Monday) at 11:30 a.m. - 1:20 p.m. Final Exam

Grades:

Your grade will be based upon a total of 400 points (three exams at 100 points each and one investigation at 100 points). The grading scale is as follows:

100%-97%	A
96%-93%	A-
92%-89%	B+
88%-85%	B
84%-81%	B-
80%-77%	C+
76%-73%	C
72%-69%	C-
68%-65%	D+
64%-61%	D
60% and below	F

Academic Etiquette: Class begins promptly at 11:30 a.m. Please make every effort to be in class and to be here on time. If it is unavoidable that you arrive late- or even leave early- please do not disrupt the class. Respect for opinions voiced in class is essential, and I expect all students to treat each other courteously. Any type of disruptive or discourteous behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated; these types of behaviors will result in the student(s) being asked to leave the class. Class “No No’s”: cell phones, pagers, etc. (if they go off you may be leading a class discussion up front!)

Attendance: All students are expected to attend every class. Obviously, if students do not attend class regularly, the opportunity to perform well in this course is greatly diminished.

Course Requirements: All students are expected to read the required chapters of the textbook as outlined in the schedule section of this syllabus. Students are also expected to attend class regularly, take notes, ask questions, and participate in class discussions.

Make-up Policy: Any make-up tests are allowed *only at the discretion of the instructor* and immediate notification from the student is imperative. Additionally, *all* make-up exams (for *any excused* circumstance) will adhere to the following criteria: 1) administered *only* by the instructor during office hours/or instructor’s choosing 2) *cumulative* in nature; and 3) given in an *all-essay* format.

Extra Credit: As a general rule, there is usually no extra credit available in this introductory level course. I may, however, at any time during the quarter provide in-class extra credit opportunities. Obviously, if you are not in class on these days, you are not eligible for these opportunities.

Cheating, Stealing and Plagiarizing*

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one’s own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the

Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services.

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F").

F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

Final Examination Schedule

The Social Science Division will adhere to the final examination schedule as stated in the BC Schedule. Final examinations will be held at the end of each quarter at fixed times. Instructors will not give examinations in advance of the regular schedule. A student who is absent from any examination held at any time during the quarter may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be present at any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of "HW" (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to meet with the [Disability Resource Centre](#) (DRC) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with [Disability Resource Centre](#), and review those needs with the instructor as well.

Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and secretaries will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BC Web site.

Return of Papers and Tests

Paper and/or Scantron score sheet returns will be arranged in the following ways ONLY: by mail, if student supplies the instructor with stamped, self-addressed envelope (with appropriate postage); or by the instructor designating a time and place whereby the student may retrieve his/her papers. Unclaimed papers and/or Scantron score sheets must be kept by the instructor for a minimum of sixty (60) instructional days following the end of the quarter.

**If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (D110), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.*