

## SYLLABUS

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE 202

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

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#### **Course Description:**

Presents fundamental investigative techniques used within the criminal justice system. Topics include discovery, preservation, and presentation of evidence, methods of obtaining information and developing sources, and functions of a criminal laboratory. In addition, this class presents a practical introduction to criminal investigation and gives students a logical framework for understanding the investigative process. Major sections cover current issues such as environmental crime, videotaping crime scenes, street gangs, and drugs. Case studies throughout the text emphasize the applied technique of criminal investigation. Graphs, charts and arresting photographs found throughout the text depict the practical aspect of investigation and help clarify difficult scientific concepts.

#### **Text:**

Criminal Investigation, by Swanson, Chamelin, Territo, and Taylor, 10 edition, McGraw-Hill publishers. ISBN 0073401536

#### **Grades:**

You grade will be determined in the following manner. Your scores on the ten weekly examinations (see schedule below), your term paper (due December 4<sup>th</sup>, no later than class time) and the extra credit points you accumulate during the quarter (see explanations below). Each exam is worth 100 points and will be averaged at the end of the quarter. Please remember to bring a scantron form and number 2 pencil for each exam which will be held according to the below schedule. The extra credit points you earn by doing the paper, extra credit assignments and Big L's will be added onto your cumulative grade score.

## **EXAM SCHEDULE:**

Exam #1	Thursday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chapters 1 and 2
Exam #2	Thursday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chapters 3 and 4
Exam #3	Thursday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Chapters 5 and 6
Exam #4	Thursday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chapters 7 and 8
Exam #5	Thursday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Chapters 9 and 10
Exam #6	Thursday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Chapters 11 and 12
Exam #7	Thursday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Chapters 13 and 14
Exam #8	Thursday, November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Chapters 15 and 16
Exam #9	Wednesday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Chapters 17 and 18
Exam #10	Thursday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Chapters 19 and 20

## **GRADING POLICY:**

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

UNLESS YOU HAVE NOTIFIED ME AT LEAST TWENTY FOUR (24) HOURS IN ADVANCE, A MISSED EXAM WILL BE SCORED AS A ZERO AND AVERAGED AS SUCH INTO YOUR GRADE.

If you have any questions regarding this class please feel free to ask them in class or at my office

## **TERM PAPER:**

From the many topics we cover in class, your **instructor will assign you a list of topics to chose from** which you will receive **in class**. It is expected that all sources you utilize in the paper will be properly cited according to APA standards, this includes the body of the paper as well as the reference section. The paper will be typed, double spaced, and consist of at least five (5) pages, it will also be **stapled** together (no paper clips or covers). A cover "page" is fine. The paper will be graded on its content, attention to grammar, spelling, and its general structure. The paper will generate a possible score of **five (5)** percentage points toward your final total. This means that if you do all that is

required of you, your paper will give you a score of five. If however, you do not do the paper or if the job you do is substandard, you will receive a **ten (10)** point deduction in your final total. If you have any questions regarding this scoring process please ask me in class. If you have a question someone else probably does also.

**ATTENDANCE:**

I do not take attendance. I believe your education is “your” responsibility and you should be treated as adults. However, past experience has repeatedly demonstrated that it is extremely difficult to pass this course without regular attendance. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CLASS MEETS IN THE CLASSROOM ONLY MONDAY THRU THURSDAY.** You will be given assignments which you will need to develop during the usual class time on Fridays.

**SPECIAL NOTE: DO NOT BRING CELL PHONES OR COMPUTERS TO CLASS, THEY ARE VERY DISTRUPTIVE TO THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL CONCERNED.**