

**MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Welcomes You To:**

**CJC 221.20
INVESTIGATIVE PRINCIPLES
4 Credit and 5 Contact Hours**

Course Description

This course introduces the theories and fundamentals of the investigative process. Topics include crime scene/incident processing, information gathering techniques, collection/preservation of evidence, preparation of appropriate reports, court presentations, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to identify, explain, and demonstrate the techniques of the investigative process, report preparation, and courtroom presentation.

Prerequisites: RED 090

Corequisites: NONE

Instructor Information

Instructor: Greg Barksdale
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Course Information

Course Meets W 4:00 pm – 8:50 pm

Required Text(s): Criminal Investigations, 1st Edition, Becker, Gaithersburg Publishing Co. 2000

LRC Resources: None

Required supplies: None

Course Objectives/Competencies:

1. Upon completion, the student will be able to identify, explain, and demonstrate the techniques of the investigative process, to include:

- a. Identifying the crime scene
 - b. Protecting the crime scene
 - c. Recording the crime scene
 - d. Collecting evidence
2. The student will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the constitutional requirements applicable to due process by completing a search warrant and affidavit for a search warrant.
3. The student will become familiar with the role of forensics in crime solving.
4. The student will be able to demonstrate familiarity with investigations having to do with:
- a. Homicide
 - b. Assault
 - c. Robbery
 - d. Sexual Assault
 - e. Theft and Burglary
 - f. Arson
 - g. Drug offenses

Attendance Policy/Tardiness/Make-Up Work:

Students are expected to attend all class meetings. Absences in excess of 10 percent of the total hours (4.8) may result in a letter grade reduction. Students are requested to contact the instructor when it is known that an absence(s) will be necessary. In emergencies, the instructor may make exceptions to this policy.

Grading Criteria/Tests/Projects:

Students are expected to read all assignments and be prepared to discuss investigative procedures and principles addressed in the text. Written examinations will be administered in accordance with the attached course outline. The semester grade will be the average of all examinations given.

Grading Scale:

- A** = 90-100
- B** = 80 - 89
- C** = 70 - 79
- D** = 60 - 69
- F** = below 60

Inclement Weather Procedures:

Follow Mayland Community College's Inclement weather policy.

Academic Standards/Student Expectations/Ethics:

Students will maintain behavior consistent with a good learning environment. Academic dishonesty which includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, cheating or collaborating on a test, or submitting the academic work of another as one's own, is prohibited.

Withdrawal Dates:

Spring 2005

End of Unconditional Withdrawal	Friday, February 11, 2005
End of Conditional Withdrawal	Tuesday, March 29, 2005

Any student requesting special accommodations for this course due to a disability should apply for services through the SOAR Office or the Counseling Center, which will document the disability. A counselor will then help determine which accommodations, if any, the student needs for success in this course.

Course Outline/Weekly Topics

WEEK	TOPIC	CHAPTER
1	Introduction and history of Criminal Investigations Criminal Justice Role Players	1,2&3
2	The Crime Scene EXAMINATION	4
3 & 4	Laws of Search and Seizure	5
5	Investigative Tools EXAMINATION	6
6 & 7	Suspect Identification Sources of Information	7 & 8
8 & 9	Homicides EXAMINATION	10
10	Assaults	12
11	Robbery	13
12	Sexual Assaults EXAMINATION	14
13	Theft and Burglary	15
14	Drug Offenses Arson	16 & 17
15 & 16	Mock Crime Scene Exercise	