

MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Welcomes You To:
Spring 2007
CJC 221.H10
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:	Steve Clawson
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Course Information

Course Meets

Internet course

Required Text(s):

Criminal Investigations, 2nd Edition, Becker, Jones and Bartlett Publishing Co. 2005

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:

One of the desires of this course is for students to become acquainted with and interact with one another. LEO technology has made this possible, with the message board, which will be used weekly to discuss issues. Students will be graded on participation on the message board.

Grading Criteria/Tests/Projects:

Students are expected to read all assignments and be prepared to discuss investigative procedures and principles addressed in the text.

Participation	30%
Project #1	15%
Project #2	15%
Project #3	15%
Project #4	25%

Grading Scale:

- A = 93-100**
- B = 86-92**
- C = 78-85**
- D = 70-77**

F = below 70

Inclement Weather Procedures:

This is an internet course and weather shouldn't be an issue.

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 2007

Tuesday, February 13, 2007 End of Unconditional Withdrawal

Tuesday, March 27, 2007 End of Conditional withdrawal

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 Project #1	4
3 & 4	Laws of Search and Seizure	5
5	Investigative Tools Project #2	6
6 & 7	Suspect Identification Sources of Information	7 & 8
8 & 9	Homicides	10
10	Assaults Project #3	12
11	Robbery	13
12	Sexual Assaults	14
13	Theft and Burglary	15
14 & 15	Drug Offenses Arson	16 & 17
16	Project #4	