

CRJU 3320 - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION CRN 80172

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TUE and THUR, 0930-1215 hours; 7-week format

Drop Date: 07 NOV is the Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty

NOTE: I do not monitor d2l. If you need to contact me, email me at the KSU email address above. Syllabus and PowerPoints found at d2l.

Course Description

This course examines the historical, theoretical, and technological aspects of the investigation of crime. The topic areas include crime scene examination, the collection and preservation of evidence, forensic and behavioral sciences, interviews/interrogations, and the use of technology by law enforcement agencies.

Course Objectives

1. Trace the evolution of crime solving.
2. Identify the origins, types, language, and concepts of criminal investigations.
3. Document crime scenes.
4. Apply the scientific method, critical thinking, and logic to criminal investigations.
5. Identify criminal suspects.
6. Explain the use of a polygraph in a criminal investigation.
7. Contrast interviews and interrogations.
8. Demonstrate how to develop and manage informants.
9. Examine and define investigative methods in: interpersonal violence, robbery, child abuse, and drug crimes.

Required Text

Lyman, M.D. (2013). *Criminal Investigation*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson: ISBN: 978-0-13-257092-3

Course Requirements

You complete two examinations and one research/writing requirement.

Mid-Term Exam- Includes Chapters 1,2,3,4,6,7, lecture, films, and classroom discussions.

Final Exam- Includes Chapters 8,9,11,12,13,14, lecture, films, and classroom discussions.

Research/Writing Requirement - 1500 word paper.

Exam Make-Up Policy- If you miss an exam, call or Email me. I will work with you to complete the requirement. You must complete a make-up within one week of the date the exam was scheduled.

Weather- If the weather prevents us from meeting, follow the schedule and continue your reading or research. Check the KSU WEB-SITE and listen to local radio. The bottom line: use common sense and I do not want anyone hurt. Safety is EVERYONE'S Responsibility!

Grading

Failure to attend 8-hours of class will result in a letter grade drop.

Your final grade reflects your performance on the examinations, research/writing requirement, your class participation, and attendance. Your final score is calculated using the following guide:

Mid-Term Exam	33%	04 NOV
Research/Writing	33%	20 NOV
Final Examination	33%	09 DEC

Research/Writing Requirement Guide

See Instructions on TURNITIN.

Your research/writing requirement is a REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (ROI) and examines the investigation of an infamous case. All investigations reflect who, what, when, where, how, and why (if known). Your task is to apply your learning to determine:

- how the crime was detected
- how were suspect(s) identified and located
- how was evidence located, documented, and preserved
- how were witnesses and informants used
- what technological advances were applied in evidence collection and crime solving
- what investigative techniques were used and which techniques should have been used

Student should read at least one book (if available) on the case and must use at least six sources of information; three academic sources and three additional credible media sources. Wikipedia is not a trusted source; however, their list of books and references may provide direction. Students are assigned a case from the following cases (listed as they are more popularly known and/or by suspect or victim):

1. *Vince Foster*
2. *Aldrich Ames*
3. *Robert Phillip Hanssen*
4. *Randy Weaver*
5. *Vernon Howell (David Koresh)*
6. *Warren Jeffs*
7. *Abraham Bolden*
8. *The Norfolk Four*
9. *Chris Pritchard*
10. *Mary Jo Kopechne*

Reports of Investigation are scored based on:

Quality of research

Critical Thinking and Logical Arguments

Analysis of Physical Evidence and Behavioral Evidence Assessment

Quality of presentation in the written form

Compliance with requirements of the research guide

Use the APA writing style.

Use a 12-point Times New Roman font; print the paper front and back; staple in top left corner (no cover, spines, or notebooks); 3-hole punch the paper. Utilize the KSU Writing Center for assistance (make an appointment, don't just show up). Peer reviews are encouraged. Students are awarded 2 points per KSU Writing Center mentoring session, up to 10 points. Each mentoring session is expected to be a minimum of 20 minutes. The points are added to the grade of the final exam.

The cover page of your ROI must include the following information: Name, KSU Number, Class (CrJu 3320) Fall 2014, and the TURNITIN.COM paper identification number.

Class Activities

Class time is devoted to discussion, lecture, film/video, and reviews. Guest lecturers and films are a part of this course and exam questions may be taken from the information. Changing circumstances may lead to adjustments in course assignments and scheduling. *If you miss a class, you are responsible to contact me to learn about any changes that may have occurred.* PowerPoint presentations conducted by the speakers will be posted on d2l.

Laptop Computers are NOT allowed to be open and used in my classroom unless you have a documented learning disability! ALL BlueTooth devices must be removed. Cell phones must be placed on silent or off. Text on your cell phones after class!

Academic Honesty

The Undergraduate Catalog contains the general policies and regulations on the Academic Honesty policy. I advise you to read and follow the academic policy. The bottom line: Do The Right Thing! Plagiarism equals an "F."

Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate catalogs. Section II of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities addresses the University's policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to University materials, misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which includes either an "informal" resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities minimum one semester suspension requirement.

Disruption of Campus Life Statement

It is the purpose of the institution to provide a campus environment, which encourages academic accomplishment, personal growth, and a spirit of understanding and cooperation. An important part of maintaining such an environment is the commitment to protect the health and safety of every member of the campus community. Belligerent, abusive, profane, threatening and/ or inappropriate behavior on the part of students is a violation of the Kennesaw State University Student Conduct Regulations. Students who are found guilty of such misconduct may be subject to immediate dismissal from the institution.

Students with Disabilities

Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments must notify me as soon as possible. Verification from KSU disabled Student Support Services is required. All discussions will remain confidential.

Plagiarism and Cheating

No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior which a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or

illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor(s). (<https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct>)

Class Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
14 OCT	Introductions, syllabus review, discuss Chapter 1 Assignment: Read Chapters 1,2,3,4,6,7
16 OCT	Discuss Chapter 2
21 OCT	Discuss Chapter 3
23 OCT	Discuss Chapter 4 1030-1215 Guest Speaker: SA A. Murphy, Blood Stain Analysis
28 OCT	Discuss Chapter 6
30 OCT	Discuss Chapter 7 1030-1215 Guest Speaker: Executive Director Tracy Alvord, Sex Offender Registration Review Board
04 NOV	Mid-Term Exam Discuss ROI and Research Progress Read Chapters 8,9,11,12,13,14,
06 NOV	Review Mid-Term Exam 1030-1215 Guest Speaker: SAC Jerry Scott, GBI, Crime Scene Processing
11 NOV	Review Chapter 8
13 NOV	Review Chapter 9
18 NOV	Review Chapters 11 and 12
20 NOV	ROI Due Review Chapter 13
02 DEC	Discuss Chapter 14 1030-1215 Guest Speaker: C.R. Wright, Esquire, Non-Criminal Investigations
04 DEC	Return ROI Review for Final Exam
<u>09 DEC</u>	<u>Final Exam</u>

TURNITIN.Com Information and Direction

Research papers for CrJu 3320 must be submitted to www.turnitin.com to determine originality and prevent plagiarism. This is not an option, it is required. Papers will not be accepted unless evaluated by the professor in turnitin.

The class is listed at www.turnitin.com :

Class Name: 2014 Fall CrJu 3320

Enrollment Password: TBA (case sensitive)

Class ID Number: TBA

Students must self-enroll by creating a user profile, using the class ID number, and class enrollment password. Papers are accepted by Turnitin in the following file types: Microsoft Word (doc and docx); Corel WordPerfect; HTML; Adobe PostScript; Plain Text (TXT); Rich Text (RTF); Portable Document Format (PDF).

Originality Report. The Originality Report (OR) provides a summary of matching or highly similar text found in a submitted paper. If quoted or bibliographic information is found in the paper to be similar or matching another source, it can be removed from the OR. Plagiarism is determined by the professor.

HARD COPY of each paper is still required in accordance with the class syllabus.

Students are encouraged to use the video tutorials found at the turnitin website. Enroll as soon as possible.