

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
CRJU 3320/01 (Prerequisite: CRJU 1101)
Fall Semester 2016
Social Sciences Building Room 3030
Monday/Wednesday 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
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Course Description:

CRJU 3320- 3 credit hours

Prerequisite: CRJU 1101

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

Required Reading:

Criminal Investigation: 11th Edition

Authors: Swanson, Chamelin, Territo and Taylor

McGraw-Hill

ISBN: 978-0-07-811152-5

Course Requirements:

Attendance: It is in your best interest to be in class regularly and to be on time. If there is an emergency and you must miss class, you should make every effort to contact me in advance to make arrangements for missed material; however, it is ultimately the student's responsibility for missed work. No assignments will be accepted late unless PRIOR arrangements have been made. All assignments will be graded and returned within 1 week.

During the semester there will be a midterm, a quiz, a movie assignment and a final exam. The quiz and midterm will be a combination of multiple choice, true/false and fill in type questions. The movie assignment will be an informal written assignment to be completed in class after we watch a movie. The final exam is a mock trial. Students will be in groups of 9-12 and will recreate all aspects of a criminal trial. I will include time in class to work on your final presentations! I will go over each of these in more depth prior to their due dates. There will also be in class assignments throughout the semester that will not be announced. These are typically answering review questions in the book or reading a law enforcement scenario and deciding how you would respond. **If there is nothing listed on the syllabus on a particular day, that does NOT mean that we are not doing anything, attendance is still required!!!**

In-class assignments	30 points	Quiz	50 points
Midterm	100 points	Movie Assignment	20 points
Final	100 points		

Course grades will be assigned according to the scale below:

90-100% = A	70-79% = C	59% or below = F
80-89% = B	60-69% = D	

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty, cheating, and plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated and will be dealt with severely. All students are expected to know what acts constitute academic misconduct and to adhere to KSU's Student Code of Conduct which can be found at: <http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>

I will respond to acts of academic misconduct according to university policy; sanctions for academic dishonesty can include a grade of F for the assignment in question and/or for the course and will be subject to the formal procedures according to the University's and the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department's guidelines.

Disability Services:

If you have a disability (e.g., visual impairment, hearing impairment, physical impairment, communication disorder and/or specific learning disability) which may influence your performance in this course, you must meet with a representative at disabled Student Support Services (Student Development Center) to arrange for reasonable accommodations to ensure an equitable opportunity to meet all the requirements of this course. If you require accommodations due to disability, please visit: <http://sss.kennesaw.edu/sds/institutional-policies.php> for more information on how to register with disabled Student Support Services. You will be provided faculty letters indicating your accommodation needs for the semester. Please present this letter to me as soon as possible to ensure your accommodation needs are discussed, agreed upon and provided.

Important Policies:

Email: Students should check their KSU student email regularly. Throughout the course I will contact the class through emails or post announcements on D2L. You are expected to use your official KSU email account for all class correspondence. Due to confidentiality reasons, I will only respond to emails from the school email system.

Class cancellation: If the class is cancelled unexpectedly, notification will be on the classroom door and/or posted on D2L.

Click on the following links for more information on additional university policies:

Confidentiality and Privacy Statement (FERPA)

<http://enrollmentservices.kennesaw.edu/training/ferpa.php>

University – Student Rights Statement

<http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/content.php?catoid=27&navoid=2263>

Ethics Statement

<http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>

Sexual Harassment Statement

<http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>

Academic calendar: You are responsible for familiarizing yourself with the University's academic calendar. This calendar includes important dates for students regarding registering,

dropping of classes, and holiday breaks.

Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.

Cell phones: Cell phones must be silent during class. Do not send text messages, check emails or doing anything else on your phone during class. You are not sneaky enough to text message or check Facebook without all of us seeing it and its very distracting to the rest of us. So, please remain off of your phone for the hour and 15 minutes that we are in class!

Communication: Email/voice mail communications with me require an acknowledgement-just because you leave a message does not mean that it was received or that the request was granted.

Syllabus: I reserve the right to adjust the syllabus or course information to better meet the objectives of this course or the student's needs. I have outlined this semester for you, for the most part we will follow this outline, unless I specify otherwise.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Topics Covered</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
Monday 8/15	Introductions	
Wednesday 8/17	Chapter 1	
Monday 8/22	Chapter 2	
Wednesday 8/24	Chapter 3	
Monday 8/29	NO CLASS!!!	Current Event Assignment
Wednesday 8/31	Chapter 4	
Monday 9/5	Labor Day/NO CLASS!!!	
Wednesday 9/7	Guest Speaker	
Monday 9/12	Quiz Review	
Wednesday 9/14	Quiz (chapters 1-4)	
Monday 9/19	Chapter 5/Review Quiz	
Wednesday 9/21	Field Trip!	
Monday 9/26	Chapter 6	
Wednesday 9/28	Chapter 7	
Monday 10/3	Chapter 8	
Wednesday 10/5	Chapter 9	
Monday 10/10	Review for Midterm	
Wednesday 10/12	Midterm	
Monday 10/17	Chapter 10	
Wednesday 10/19	Chapter 11	

Monday 10/24	Chapter 12
Wednesday 10/26	Guest Speaker
Monday 10/31	Happy Halloween/NO CLASS!!!
Wednesday 11/2	Chapter 13
Monday 11/7	Chapter 14
Wednesday 11/9	
Monday 11/14	Chapter 15
Wednesday 11/16	
Monday 11/21	NO CLASS!!! Happy Thanksgiving!
Wednesday 11/23	NO CLASS!!! Happy Thanksgiving!
Monday 11/28	Final Presentations Group #1
Wednesday 11/30	Current Event Assignment
Monday 12/5	Final Presentations Group #2
Wednesday 12/7	Final Presentations Group #3