

Criminal Investigation  
CRJU 3320  
Prerequisites: CRJU 1101  
Credit Hours: 3  
Spring Semester 2017  
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#### INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION AND RESPONSE POLICY:

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Email is the preferred method of communication for this course. I will respond to all emails within 48 hours of original receipt. Phone messages will be returned within 48 hours during the business week only (Monday-Friday).

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the basic legal and scientific principles and processes involved in criminal investigations.
2. Analyze specific techniques for the identification, collection, and preservation of various types of evidence.
3. Explain how evidence is presented in criminal trials as part of a successful prosecution.

#### REQUIRED TEXT:

Lyman, M. D. (2016). *Criminal Investigation*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New York City, NY: Pearson.  
ISBN 9780133587944.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

### Exams:

Three exams will be given during this semester. Each exam is worth 200 points. The exams are administered in class and are closed-book. They will include multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and essay questions. See the Course Schedule below for the dates for the exams.

### In-Class Assignments:

Throughout the semester there will be unannounced in-class assignments that pertain to the course material assigned for the class. These assignments could include pop quizzes over the required reading for the class period or could include short assignments to be completed in small groups. These assignments will account for 150 points total.

### Research Paper:

There will be a research paper required for this course. Each student will write an 8-page paper on a topic related to criminal investigation in the U.S. Further information on this assignment including the instructions and grading criteria will be provided in class and posted on D2L. This assignment is worth 100 points. See the Course Schedule below for the due date for this assignment.

### Attendance/Participation:

Attendance at lectures and participation in class is expected. Because the nature of this class is interactive, and learning is a two-way street, attendance is very important. If you miss class, you are responsible for making arrangements with another student to get class notes and learning what information/announcements you have missed. Each absence from class results in a one-point deduction off of the attendance score. Excused absences are only given for mandatory military service or court summons. Attendance for this class is worth 150 points.

Attendance for each class is taken by the instructor at the beginning of the class. Students who arrive late for class or leave early will NOT receive attendance points unless they have permission from the instructor.

Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a course; nonattendance or non-completion of required assignments does not constitute a withdrawal.

## LATE ASSIGNMENTS:

No late assignments will be accepted or make-up exams permitted, unless the student has received prior permission or can provide documentation that the late assignment was due to a legitimate emergency. If students miss an exam or assignment due to a documented emergency (i.e., serious medical or military), a make-up exam will be administered at a date/time determined by the course instructor. Questions and the format of questions on the make-up exam may differ from the original exam depending upon the extent of time that passes between the exam date and make-up. Taking exams early is not allowed unless there is a legitimate and documented reason that would prevent the student from completing the exam at the scheduled time (e.g., surgery or military leave).

## GRADING POLICY:

The requirements for this course total 1000 points. Grades for this course will be based on 2 exams, in-class assignments, a research paper, and course attendance:

Exam 1,2,3	600 points
In-Class Assignments	150
Research Paper	100
Attendance	150

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Total = 1000 points

Your grade in the course is calculated by dividing the total points that you have earned in the course by the total number available (1000).

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

All assignments will be graded within two weeks of the due date. Exceptions to this policy will only be made under special circumstances and students will be notified if a delay is required.

- Extra Credit may be given during the quarter at the discretion of the instructor. If EC is granted, only the students present are eligible for the points. The maximum number of EC points will be 5 and they will be applied to the test grade. \*\*\*\* There are no extra credit opportunities for individual students.

## ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

No cheating or plagiarism will be tolerated in this course. 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>.

All students are responsible for knowing the information, policies and procedures outlined in the Kennesaw State University Codes of Conduct. Kennesaw State University reserves the right to make changes to this code as necessary and once those changes are posted online, they are in effect. Students are encouraged to check online for the updated versions of all policies.

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 POLICY:

Kennesaw State University provides program accessibility and reasonable accommodations for persons defined as having a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Kennesaw State University's Disability Support Services can be accessed at [http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu\\_dev/dsss/dsss.html](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss/dsss.html). 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 communicate with a representative at Disability Services (Student Development Center) to arrange for reasonable accommodations to ensure an equitable opportunity to meet all the requirements of this course.

#### CLASS COMMUNICATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

You are responsible for information that is distributed through email and Desire2Learn. You are expected to use your official KSU email account for all class correspondence. Due to confidentiality reasons, I will not respond to emails or provide personal information regarding your grade or progress in the class to email addresses from Yahoo, Hotmail, Gmail, etc. accounts. I will only respond to official KSU email accounts.

I will communicate through D2L email and KSU student email accounts. You need to check these inboxes daily.

#### KSU POLICIES AND COURSE WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION:

Please see the following links for other relevant KSU policies including: the Confidentiality and Privacy Statement (FERPA) (<http://enrollmentservices.kennesaw.edu/training/ferpa.php>); the University – Student Rights Statement (<http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/content.php?catoid=27&navoid=2263>); the Ethics Statement (<http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>); and the Sexual Harassment Statement (<http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>); Course Accessibility Statement (<http://sss.kennesaw.edu/sds/institutional-policies.php>); and Disruption of Campus Life Policy (<http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>).

The final date to withdrawal from this course without academic penalty is March 1<sup>st</sup>. For important dates for the academic year, students should consult the following website: <http://registrar.kennesaw.edu/datesanddeadlines/spring2017.php>. It includes important dates for students regarding registering, dropping of classes, and financial deadlines.

#### CLASSROOM RULES OF CONDUCT:

Demonstrating respect to the instructor and fellow classmates will be expected in this course. Cell phones must be put away and set to silent (if not turned off). *This includes text messaging during class.* Any student caught text messaging or using their phones may be asked to leave for the remainder of the class period. Students who are caught text messaging or inappropriately using phones in class will lose participation points for the day. Students who sleep in class or otherwise partake in inappropriate or distracting behavior will also lose attendance/participation points for the class period. No student is permitted to audio or video record class lectures or interactions with the instructor without first receiving written permission.

Laptop computers are a privilege not a right in the classroom. If they become a distraction to the classroom or other students, the privilege will be revoked.

**I reserve the right to adjust the syllabus or course information to better meet the objectives of this course or the students' needs.**

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Date	Topics and Assignments	Reading Assignment
1/13	Introduction to the Course, APA and the Foundations of Criminal Investigation	Chapter 1
1/20	The Crime Scene: Field Notes, Documenting, and Reporting	Chapter 2
1/27	Processing the Crime Scene	Chapter 3
2/3	Identifying Criminal suspects field and Laboratory Processes	Chapter 4
2/10	Legal Issues in Criminal Investigation	Chapter 5
2/17	Part 1 TEST 1-5 Part 2 Interviews and Interrogations	Chapter 6
2/24	Criminal Intelligence and Surveillance Operations	Chapter 7
3/3	Informant Management and Undercover Operations	Chapter 8
3/10	Death Investigations	Chapter 9
3/17	Robbery	Chapter 10
3/24	Part 1 – TEST 6-10 Part 2 - Assault and Related Offenses	Chapter 11
3/31	Missing and Abducted Persons	Chapter 12
4/7	NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK	
4/14	Crimes against Children: Child Abuse and Child Fatalities <b>Research Paper Due</b>	Chapter 13
4/21	Theft-Related Offenses Arson and Bombings	Chapter 14 Chapter 15
4/28	TEST 3 – 12-15	
Finals Week	<b>Final Exam</b>	