CJT-224 – Criminal Investigation Course Syllabus

Course Code:

CJT-224

Course Title:

Criminal Investigation

Course Description:

In this course students will be introduced to the science of criminal investigation. They will become familiar with the methodology of crime scene investigations, evidence collection, preservation, and analysis. Included are the rudiments of follow-up investigations, interviews, interrogations and report writing. Techniques applicable to investigation of specific crimes will be highlighted.

Prerequisites:

Academic Reading and Writing Levels of 6. Please refer to WCC's Academic Levels and Course Placement chart found here: https://www.wccnet.edu/start-now/placement-assessment/academic-levels.php.

Outcomes and Objectives:

Please refer to the CJT-224 Master Syllabus

Required Text and Materials:

Please confirm edition with WCC Website or go to the WCC Bookstore and use the Find the Course Materials feature to view the required and recommended course materials: https://washtenaw.bncollege.com/course-material/course-finder

- Criminal Investigation: Basic Perspectives, by Lushbaugh and Weston (13th Edition, Pearson)

Technical Requirements for Blackboard:

Computer skills and Blackboard skills and access are essential for this online course. The student is responsible for obtaining the necessary technical equipment and internet access. You are required to have access to Microsoft Word (MS Word) and PowerPoint.

Class Overview and Guidelines:

Time Commitment

To meet the due dates on the schedule, expect to spend a minimum of 6 - 8 hours per week for this 3-credit course.

Grading and Determining Your Grade

- Grades are posted in Blackboard under My Grades.
- Grading is typically completed within a week of the assignment due date, but this varies based on assignment volume.

Your final grade will be based on the results of two quizzes, a Midterm Exam and a Final Exam; and 20 Discussion Boards (DB) and other assignments due at 11:59

p.m. unless otherwise noted, on the dates listed on the Schedule for such assignments.

Graded Items	Points Total
Exams (2)	40
Quizzes (2)	20
Discussion Boards/ Other Assignments (20)	40
Total	**100**

Course Deadlines

Please note that unless otherwise specified in the Schedule, all assignments are due on the Sunday following study of each Module, at 11:59 a.m.

Also, it is very important to keep this in mind: Twenty assignments, including Discussion Boards and scored assignments/exercises, at two points each, count for 40 points of your final grade, so it is imperative that you complete these assignments according to the Schedule.

Late Assignments

Unless excused by the instructor based on a written and convincing request of the student, for each day an assignment is late, its grade may be reduced by 10%.

Grading of Student's Work

The Student Engagement Activities, including Discussion Board work, and the two quizzes are graded automatically by Blackboard, once you have completed and properly submitted the work. As for the Midterm Exam and Final Exam, it is the Instructor's plan to grade the exams at least within a week of your due date for each exam as stated in the Schedule.

Communication

Email Communication

- Please send emails from your WCC account to be in compliance with federal privacy regulations. I do not reply to emails from email providers other than WCC.
- Provide a clear subject line and include your course number and section.
- Always include your first and last name in the email message.
- If you submit a question, I will respond. But please let me know you have received my response.

Academic Integrity:

Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty will result in discipline according to the WCC Student Rights & Responsibility guidelines. Always complete your own work using your own words. If you do use information, ideas, or words from other sources, credit that source using MLA or APA format.

Accommodation of Special Needs:

Learning Support Services Department provides support to students who may need accommodation for documented disabilities, or other learning need. WCC will work

with you to accommodate any of your individual learning needs, however, I need to know of any requests in advance in order to make the necessary arrangements.

WCC Student Policies and Support Information:

Review the material within the Washtenaw Community College Student Policies and Support Information for additional policies and procedures that affect you and your course. Find this information on this shared page.