Bemidji State University

CRJS 3359: Criminal Investigation

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION
   Credits: 3
   Lecture Hours/Week: 0
   Lab Hours/Week: 0
   OJT Hours/Week: *
   Prerequisites: None
   Corequisites: None
   MnTC Goals: None
   The concepts and principles related to criminal investigation. This course addresses those techniques and
   methods of evidentiary collection, processing, and testimony commonly employed by police investigators
   and crime scene technicians conducting a lawful inquiry, from arrival at a crime scene to laboratory
   analysis to closing the investigation by making an arrest. Also includes a section devoted to police report
   writing as well as a laboratory section where various evidence collection and crime scene processing
   techniques are conducted. Prerequisite: CRJS 3358 or consent of instructor.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/22/2016 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS
   1. Agricultural, Wildlife, and Environmental Crimes
   2. Arson and Explosives Investigations
   3. Burglary
   4. Computer Crime
   5. Crimes Against Children
   6. Field Notes and Reporting
   7. Injury and Death Investigations
   8. Interviewing and Interrogation
   10. Larceny/Theft and White-Collar Crime
   11. Legal Aspects of Investigation
   12. Physical Evidence
   13. Recognition, Control, and Investigation of Drug Abuse
   14. Sex-Related Offenses
   15. Terrorism
   16. The Crime Laboratory
   17. The Evolution of Criminal Investigation and Criminalistics
   18. The Follow-Up Investigation and Investigative Resources
   19. The Trial Process and the Investigator as a Witness
   20. Vehicle Thefts and Related Offenses

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)
   None
E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies
   None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
   None noted