

Bemidji State University

CRJS 3359: Criminal Investigation

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: *.*

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

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
9. Investigators, The Investigative Process, and the Crime Scene
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