A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 3
Lab Hours/Week: *
OJT Hours/Week: *

Prerequisites:
This course requires the following prerequisite
LEGL 1602 - Civil Litigation (Number of Years Valid: 5)

Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

This course focuses on investigation, evidence collection, exhibit preparation, witness interviewing, and trial preparation. It introduces the student to the rules of evidence and how the rules influence the collection and handling of evidence. Students create court exhibits, interview witnesses, and prepare trial materials. Prerequisite: LEGL1602 and 2.5 overall GPA.

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

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Study and practical application of the Rules of Evidence.
2. Develop an understanding of and practice interviewing clients to obtain necessary evidence.
3. Develop an understanding of and practice interviewing law enforcement to obtain necessary evidence.
4. Practice and build investigation skills.
5. Understand how to document a crime scene.
6. Gain exposure to the evidentiary aspects of an accident scene.
7. Develop photographic records of evidence.
8. Examine accident reports.
10. Practice presentation skills though class assignments.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. The learner will demonstrate a basic understanding of the rules of evidence.
2. The learner will demonstrate the ability to interview witnesses in preparation for courtroom testimony.
3. The learner will demonstrate an understanding of how to document the handling of evidence and how to organize testimony, documents, and exhibits into an effective trial notebook.
4. Given instruction, the learner will demonstrate the ability to correctly gather evidence and create illustrative evidence.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None
F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
   None noted