

**SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS**

I. TITLE OF COURSE: CJ1403- Criminal Investigations

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION: Three **credit hours**
Three **credit hours of lecture and Zero credit hours of lab per week.**

This course explores issues including the effective interview and interrogation techniques, crime scene management and lab processes, crime scene documentation methods, case preparation and court presentation.

For each unit of credit, a minimum of three hours per week with one of the hours for class and two hours for studying/preparation outside of class is expected.

Pre-requisite: CJ1203 Introduction to Criminal Justice OR CJ1503 Introduction to Law Enforcement

III. PROGRAM AND/OR DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

Division Statement: The mission of the Humanities and Social Sciences is to foster an appreciation of the role that the humanities and social sciences has played in the evolution of civilized society and to explore the ways that an understanding of theory and practice in philosophy, the social and behavioral sciences, the fine arts, and written and oral expression will enable students to participate thoughtfully in a global society.

The Criminal Justice program at Seward County Community College provides students with the opportunity to develop and enhance their skills in the criminal justice field through educational and technical instruction

IV. TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:

Hess, Kären Matison, Christine Hess Orthmann and Henry Lim Cho. Criminal Investigation, 11th Edition, Boston: Cengage, 2017.

V. SCCC OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete this course will demonstrate the ability to do the following SCCC Outcomes.

1: Read with comprehension, be critical of what they read, and apply knowledge gained to real life

3: Communicate their ideas clearly and proficiently in speaking, appropriately adjusting content and arrangement for varying audiences, purposes, and situations.

5: Demonstrate the ability to think critically by gathering facts, generating insights, analyzing data, and evaluating information

6: Exhibit skills in information and technological literacy

VI. COURSE OUTCOMES:

1. Communicate clearly and effectively both verbally and through written documentation with diverse populations

2. Apply substantive and procedural law to practical situations.

3. Apply investigative and case management techniques to practical situations.
4. Demonstrate ethics, integrity, teamwork and professionalism.

VII. COURSE OUTLINE:

1. Basic Investigative Responsibilities
2. Investigating Violent Crimes
3. Investigating Crimes Against Property
4. Other Challenges to the Criminal Investigator

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

1. Lecture/Discussion
2. In-class assignments
3. Demonstrations
4. Student participation
5. Projects

IX. INSTRUCTIONAL AND RESOURCE MATERIALS:

1. Internet/DVD's
2. Testing equipment
3. In class assignments and/exercises
4. Crime scene software/laptop

X. METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

Methods of assessing SCCC course outcomes include tests, daily work, class attendance, and participation.

Outcome 1

1. Will be assessed by class participation, written assignments, and verbal discussions indicating comprehension of material read.

Outcome 3

1. Will be assessed by verbal discussion of end of the chapter questions and presentation of research projects.

Outcome 5

1. Will be assessed by the research project. Essay multiple choice, and true false exams, and class discussion over subject matter.

Outcome 6

1. Will be assessed through projects using the internet, fingerprint materials, and other crime fighting materials.

XI. ADA STATEMENT:

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Seward County Community College will make reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. If you need support or assistance because of a disability, you may be eligible for academic accommodations. Students should identify themselves to the Dean of Students at 620-417-1106 or going to the Student Success Center in the Hobble Academic building, room 149 A.

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