

**MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE**

DEPT. CJS

COURSE NUMBER: 2410

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 OJT: 0

Course Title:

Criminal Investigations

Catalog Description:

Criminal Investigations develops the basic procedural aspects of the criminal investigative process. Through instruction, evaluation of key elements of crimes, and case evaluations students will identify the process of completing a criminal investigation from first arrival on the scene of a crime through the court process. Specific areas that will be identified during the course will be legal and procedural aspects, responsibilities, interviewing and interrogating, document preparation, and court testimony.

Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:

None

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (*Leave blank if not applicable*)

- Goal 1: Communication: By meeting the following competencies:
- Goal 2: Critical Thinking: By meeting the following competencies:
- Goal 3: Natural Sciences: By meeting the following competencies:
- Goal 4: Mathematics/Logical Reasoning: By meeting the following competencies:
- Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences: By meeting the following competencies:
- Goal 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts: By meeting the following competencies:
- Goal 7: Human Diversity: By meeting the following competencies:
- Goal 8: Global Perspective: By meeting the following competencies:
- Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility: By meeting the following competencies:
- Goal 10: People and the Environment: By meeting the following competencies:

Topics to be Covered

Legal and procedural aspects of the investigative process

Roles and responsibilities associated with criminal investigations

Legal, procedural, and ethical considerations in interrogations and interviews

Organization and clarity in all associated investigation documents

Key elements for effective interaction with the judicial system

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to successfully identify the knowledge base, respond to and properly handle all tasks associated with the following Professional Police Officer Education (PPOE) Learning objectives required by the Minnesota POST Board:

- Warrants, Subpoenas, Orders and Summons 2.3.10
- Crimes of Violence 2.14.2
- Child and Vulnerable Adult Abuse and Neglect 2.15.3
- Assault and Sexual Assault Response and Investigation 2.17.7
- Cyber Crime 2.23.2
- Interviewing and Interrogating, and Identifying Suspects 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, 3.2.5, 3.2.7
- Peace Officer Testimony 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.3.4
- Responding and Investigating Specific Types of Calls 3.14.11, 3.14.12, 3.14.22, 3.14.23, 3.14.24, 3.14.27, 3.14.36, 3.14.37, 3.14.38, 3.14.39, 3.14.49, 3.14.50, 3.14.54, 3.14.59

Is this course part of a transfer pathway: Yes No

***If yes, please list the competencies below**

Criminal Investigations

1. Explain the legal and procedural aspects of the investigative process.
2. Explain roles and responsibilities associated with law enforcement investigations.
3. Compare legal, procedural, and ethical considerations in interrogations and interviews.
4. Demonstrate organization and clarity in all associated investigation documents.
5. Define key elements for effective interaction with the judicial system.

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