

# CJ G110: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Item	Value
Curriculum Committee Approval Date	02/19/2019
Top Code	210500 - Administration of Justice
Units	3 Total Units
Hours	54 Total Hours (Lecture Hours 54)
Total Outside of Class Hours	0
Course Credit Status	Credit: Degree Applicable (D)
Material Fee	No
Basic Skills	Not Basic Skills (N)
Repeatable	No
Grading Policy	Standard Letter (S)

## Course Description

This course addresses the fundamentals of criminal investigation including searches, interview and interrogation techniques, crime scene investigation, sources of information, and case preparation and management. Transfer Credit: CSU. C-ID: AJ 140. **C-ID:** AJ 140.

## Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

1. Course Outcomes
2. Explain the desirable attributes and responsibilities of criminal and forensic investigators.
3. Use sources of information for criminal investigations to develop a crime scenario.
4. Perform follow-up activities including surveillance, interview, interrogation, crime scene investigation, prosecutorial and judicial review, and multi-agency coordination, after a crime scene practicum.
5. Understand the different criminal procedure requirements under the United States Constitution and exceptions to these requirements during a criminal investigation.

## Course Objectives

- 1. Write a scenario based investigative report using methods learned in class.
- 2. Explain how sources of information are used in different criminal investigations.
- 3. Understand how follow-up activities including; surveillance, interview, interrogation, crime scene investigation, prosecutorial and judicial review, and multi-agency coordination apply to criminal investigations in an urban setting.
- 4. Demonstrate knowledge and application of the Fourth Amendment as it relates to search and seizure.

## Lecture Content

Criminal Investigation Overview Responsibilities of the investigator  
History Contemporary trends Physical Evidence Principles of forensic science Identification, preservation, and collection Analysis Interpretation Sources of Information Informants Suspects Community members Public and private records Police reports Insurance investigations Databases Attorneys Law enforcement Investigative Procedures

Case review Interview and interrogation Report writing Crime scene investigation Multi-agency coordination Prosecutorial and judicial review Testimony and presentation of evidence Investigative Techniques Crimes against persons Property crimes Crimes against the public peace and morality Computer crimes Terrorism Gangs Hate crimes Drug crimes Organized crime Legal Issues Constitutional, statutory, and case law Level of justification for arrests, detentions, and searches Interrogations Confidential information Criminal and civil liability Administrative investigations

## Method(s) of Instruction

- Lecture (02)
- DE Live Online Lecture (02S)
- DE Online Lecture (02X)

## Reading Assignments

Text, Websites, Instructor Handouts, other activities as directed.

## Writing Assignments

Students will participate in small group learning activities, including discussions related to criminal investigations. Based on these discussions, students will write reports or essays as assigned.

## Out-of-class Assignments

Site visitations Students will participate in field trips to police crime labs and/or The County Corners Office in Orange and/or Los Angeles County. Students will work on crime scene scenarios.

## Demonstration of Critical Thinking

Students will evaluate crime scene scenarios and discuss the applicable investigative procedures.

## Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration

Students will participate in small-group learning activities including discussions, role-playing, and problem solving related to the course objectives.

## Eligible Disciplines

Administration of justice (police science, corrections, law enforcement): Any bachelors degree and two years of professional experience, or any associate degree and six years of professional experience.

## Textbooks Resources

1. Required Wayne W. Bennett, Karen M. Hess. Criminal Investigation, 12th ed. Thomson Wadsworth, 2018

## Other Resources

1. Course Syllabus 2. Selected instructor handouts