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College of Arts and Science

Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology

CJCR 1600
Forensics
Section 001
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Syllabus

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Office Hours

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Please schedule all meetings via email. I will respond to all emails within 24 hours.

Meetings and Location

Thursdays, 11:15 a.m. to 2:05 p.m., Room 227 Stout Hall

Course Information

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Course Description and Purpose

An introduction to methods used by crime laboratories and the chemical and physical interpretation of the data obtained by crime scene search; to include blood samples, fingerprints, tool marks, and fiber and fabric identification.

Course Goals

This course is intended to acquaint the student with the role of forensic science in criminal justice. The course will be a lecture/demonstration design allowing for audio-visual presentation, guest speakers, and “hands-on’ applications.

Course Objectives

Following completion of this course, students will be able to

1. Preserve and document a crime scene
2. Systematically search a crime scene
3. Collect, preserve, identify, package, and transport evidence
4. Establish and preserve the chain of custody for evidence
5. Apply the Fourth Amendment to the search and seizure of evidence
6. Reconstruct a crime scene
7. Distinguish between physical and chemical properties
8. Convert between the English system and Metric system of measurement
9. Recognize the different patterns of fingerprints
10. Utilize methods to collect fingerprints
11. Distinguish the differences between rifles and shotguns
12. Distinguish the differences between revolvers and semi-automatic pistols

Major Topics

This course will cover topics such as Investigating the Crime Scene, Documenting the Crime Scene, to Collecting and Preserving Evidence for Analysis. Students will gain a better understanding of all components that they might encounter while working a crime scene.

Course Requirements

Textbooks and Readings

Criminalistics: Forensic Science, Crime, and Terrorism (3rd ed). James E. Girard. Jones & Bartlett Learning. ISBN: 978-1-284-03703-6

Students are responsible for reading assigned chapters of this textbook.

Technical Requirements

Course Policies and Expectations

Classroom and Communication Policies

Email Communication

Students are to email the professor using their official ETSU email account at all times. Emails will be responded to within 24 hours.

Attendance and Participation

Students must attend and participate each week in the course in order to be counted present.

Assignments and Submission Guidelines

Testing Policy

Three tests will be given across the semester to gauge how much knowledge you are obtaining.

Syllabus

This syllabus sets forth the expectations for the course content, work, and grading as well as expectations for student performance and conduct. The syllabus does not constitute a contract between the student and the instructor or the College. The information contained here is subject to change at any time. Students will be notified if any changes are made. Though changes are possible, it is expected that the course will be conducted as described in this syllabus.

Late and Missing Submission Policy

Late work will not be accepted unless there is a legitimate reason that is approved by the professor. The professor should not have to track you down to obtain your work. If something unexpected occurs and the student sees that he/she/they will be unable to meet the due date, the student bears the responsibility of informing the professor before the due date. Medical excuses, police reports, and obituaries are needed as validation for the claim.

Course Ground Rules

The following rules apply to communication for this course.

- Email
 - Always include a subject line.
 - Always include a proper greeting and use proper grammar when composing an email.
 - Remember that without facial expressions some comments may be taken the wrong way. Be careful in wording your emails. Use of emoticons might be helpful in some cases.
 - Use standard fonts.
 - Respect the privacy of other class members.

Grading Policy

Tests

- 3 Major Tests (100 points each)

Assignments

- Crime Scene Sketch (100 points)
- Case Briefs (100 points)

Grading Scale

Final grades will be based on the following scale:

A:	93 – 100 points	C+:	77- 79 points
A-:	90 – 92 points	C:	73 – 76 points
B+:	87 – 89 points	C-:	70 – 72 points
B:	83 – 86 points	D+:	67 – 69 points
B-:	80 – 82 points	D:	60-66 points
		F:	Below 59 points

Course Schedule

Course schedule will be provided in class.

Student Services and Technical Resources

Student Services

The [ETSU Services webpage](#) includes a comprehensive list of services available to all ETSU students.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

It is the policy of ETSU to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to federal law, state law and the University's commitment to equal educational access. Any student with a disability who needs accommodations, for example arrangement for examinations or seating placement, should inform the instructor at the beginning of the course. Faculty accommodation forms are provided to students through Disability Services in the D.P. Culp Center, Room 326, telephone 423-439-8346.

[Visit the Disability Services webpage for more information.](#)

Technical Resources

Help Desk

The Information Technology Services (ITS) Help Desk is the best resource for most technical problems. Find answers to common questions on the [Help Desk website](#), call, email, or stop in to see them on the first floor of the Sherrod Library. Phone: 423-439-4648 Email: itshelp@etsu.edu

Desire2Learn (D2L) Online Help

Many answers to D2L related questions can be found on the [D2L Help Student Home](#). If you are still having trouble finding what you need, contact the Help Desk.

Microsoft Office Software

Microsoft Office productivity applications, including Word, PowerPoint, Excel, OneNote, and more, are available free for students through the University's Office 365 campus agreement. For instructions on how to obtain the software, see the [Office 365 page of the ITS Help Desk website](#).

Turnitin Plagiarism Detection

Turnitin is a plagiarism detection service available to students and faculty at ETSU. This tool compares student written work against a comprehensive database of other work as well as various internet sources. Faculty may employ this service for some or all written assignments, in order to help students learn to cite sources accurately and to ensure academic integrity. Learn more on the [Turnitin home page](#).

ETSU Technical Resources

Many other technical resources can be found on the [Online Help webpage](#).