



**CRIM 475 – CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

<b>COURSE CODE</b> CRIM 475	<b>COURSE TITLE</b> CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	<b>ECTS CREDITS</b> 6
<b>DEPARTMENT</b> SOCIAL SCIENCES	<b>SEMESTER</b> SPRING	<b>PREREQUISITES</b>
<b>TYPE OF COURSE</b> ELECTIVE	<b>FIELD</b> PSYCHOLOGY	<b>LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION</b> ENGLISH
<b>LEVEL OF COURSE</b> UNDERGRADUATE	<b>YEAR OF STUDY</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>LECTURER (S)</b> TBA
<b>MODE OF DELIVERY</b> FACE TO FACE	<b>WORK PLACEMENT</b> N/A	<b>CO-REQUISITES</b> NONE

***OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE***

The course explores the fundamentals of criminal investigation procedures. The main objective of the course is to develop the student's awareness of the various methodologies and procedures employed by criminal investigators and their importance to the legal process.

***LEARNING OUTCOMES***

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Explain the different stages of the investigative process from crime scene to court
2. Articulate the various types of criminal investigations and their importance as related to criminal justice
3. Analyze basic techniques of collection, preservation, and documentation of evidence
4. Discuss the relationship between suspects, victims, witnesses, and investigators during the investigation and interview processes
5. Explain the constitutional and legal limitations as well as the ethical concerns regarding criminal investigations
6. Analyze how the roles and responsibilities of the investigation team members contribute to an objective investigation process
7. Define the desirable traits of an investigator
8. Explain how technical aids and tools are used for different types of criminal investigations
9. Demonstrate a working knowledge of accepted methods of investigation for the different crimes against persons and for the different crimes against property (the methods include evidence collection, methods of developing leads, interview and interrogation techniques, case preparation and presentation)
10. Understand the problems of court room testimony and evidence presentations

**COURSE CONTENTS**

1. Crime scene investigation
2. Documentation of crime scene
3. Writing reports
4. Investigatory searches
5. Physical evidence
6. Information gathering
7. Identification / arrest of suspects
8. Psychological autopsy
9. Surveillance
10. Violent crimes
11. Crimes against property
12. Contemporary challenges to criminal investigators
13. Preparing and presenting a case to court
14. Analyses of case studies

**LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS**

Lectures, Discussions, Assignments

**ASSESSMENT METHODS**

Homework, Mid-Term, Final Exam

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS / READINGS**

Author	Title	Publisher	Date	ISBN
Christine Hess Orthmann	Criminal Investigation, 10/E	Delmar Cengage Learning	2012	ISBN: 978-1133018926