

Bossier Parish Community College  
Master Syllabus

**Course Prefix & Number:** CJUS 295

**Credit hours:** 3

**Course Title:** Criminalistics

**Course Prerequisites:** None

**Textbook(s):** Bertino & Bertina. *Forensic Science: Fundamentals and Investigation*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Course Description:** A study of those fields of basic and applied science which have been specifically adapted to legal proof. Emphasis placed on the procedures used to examine both persons and physical evidence and the rules of admissibility applicable to results of such procedures.

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, the student will:

- A. understand the meaning of criminalistics as it relates to criminal investigation;
- B. recognize the value of science applied to criminal investigations;
- C. associate typical items of evidence found at a crime scene;
- D. recognize limitations on science in various areas of criminal investigation;
- E. apply science to criminal investigation when applicable.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

(The letter designations at the end of each statement refer to the learning outcome(s).)

- 1. define forensic science or criminalistics (A, B)
- 2. explain the methods involved in the location, preservation and identification of such evidence as body fluids, paint, hair, and fiber (A, B, C)
- 3. compare the rudiments involved in fingerprinting identification and classification (B, C, D)
- 4. describe the identification, classification and evidentiary importance of firearms and tool marks (C, D, E)
- 5. describe how casts, molds, and impressions are made (C, D, E)

**Course Requirements:** The following are intended to help the learner meet the stated learning outcomes of the course: regular and prompt class attendance reflected in class roll; read assigned text and outside material; successful completion of administered examinations; demonstration of an understanding of the subject matter; an understanding of which law or laws to use under different circumstances; active participation in classroom or online discussions.

**Course Grading Scale:**

- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F 59% or below

**Course Fees:** None

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