

Bossier Parish Community College
Master Syllabus

Course Prefix and Number: CJUS 295

Credit hours: 3

Course Title: Criminalistics

Course Prerequisites: None

Textbook(s): Richard Saferstein. *Forensic Science*. Pearson Publishing. (For the exact textbook requirement, please refer to your instructor's course information syllabus.)

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:

- 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.

In addition to requirements stated herein, each instructor will communicate additional requirements unique to his/her section via the instructor's section syllabus.

Course Grading Scale:

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

Attendance Policy: The college attendance policy is available at <http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html>

Course Fees: None

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