

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRIEF SYLLABUS

SPECIAL NOTE:

This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):

Please check with the LCC bookstore <http://www.labette.edu/bookstore> for the required texts for this class.

COURSE NUMBER: CRIM 123

COURSE TITLE: CRIMINALISTICS

SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 3

DEPARTMENT: Criminal Justice

DIVISION: General Education

PREREQUISITE: None

REVISION DATE: April, 2013

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The emphasis of this course will be on the proper method of analyzing a crime scene and physical evidence. This course introduces the student to means of evidence identification, testing, and handling the crime scene in a proper method so all evidence will be properly processed for entry into the court as evidence.

The student will learn how to develop different types of physical evidence at the crime scene and how to collect and preserve this evidence for submission to a laboratory for further examination. The student will learn about the testing procedures that will be used by a laboratory to examine different types of physical evidence and what information can be learned from this examination by a modern crime laboratory.

COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to investigate a crime scene.

- Know the proper methods of securing, photographing, sketching and searching a crime scene.
- Discuss the legal requirements to consider when processing a crime scene.
- Know what equipment will be needed to process the crime scene and how this equipment functions.
- Demonstrate knowledge of what is required to investigate the scenes of different types of crimes.

2. Comprehend the importance of physical evidence and its relationship to the scene of a crime.

- Know how to properly recover and store the different types of evidence found at a crime scene.
- Know what different types of evidence may be found at a crime scene.
- Be able to demonstrate different methods of developing a particular type of evidence at a crime scene.
- Discuss the significance of different types of evidence and how each can serve to link the guilty to the scene of a crime.

3. Understand the relationship between the criminal investigator and forensic scientist.

- Discuss the different sciences involved in testing forensic evidence.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the different equipment used in a modern crime lab and how it functions.
- Know what can be learned from the different tests performed by a laboratory on the evidence collected at a crime scene.