

POLICE SCIENCE AAS - CRIME SCENE INVEST OPTION COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PLSC 1103 INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC SCIENCE

A survey of the ways in which the knowledge and technology of science are applied to the definition and enforcement of civil and criminal law.

PLSC 1213 RULES OF EVIDENCE

Tests of admissibility applied by the courts.

PLSC 1223 PENAL CODE AND RELATED CRIMINAL LAWS

The legal basis of law enforcement; the penal code, formation of law enforcement bodies, local ordinances and regulatory functions.

PLSC 1423 INTERVIEWING SKILLS

Presents a variety of techniques effective for interviewing and discusses the mental and physical factors as well as legal considerations that govern their application.

PLSC 1433 CRIME SCENE PHOTOGRAPHY

Includes basic and advanced photographic principles and theories as they relate to law enforcement with an emphasis on injury documentation, crime scene and accident documentation, fingerprint photography, copy stand photography, night item photography and painting with light. Lab: two hours per week. Pre-requisite: PLSC 1103.

PLSC 2213 PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW

General principles of police investigation, evaluation, processing and assignment of complaints, methods of obtaining evidence and interviewing techniques. Prerequisite: PLSC 1223.

PLSC 2413 TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION I

The technical investigator's function and duties in criminal investigation. Areas included are latent fingerprints, casting, ballistics, crime scene photography, and collection and preservation of evidence. Lab: three hours per week. Prerequisite: PLSC 1103, PLSC 2213.

PLSC 2423 BLOODSTAIN INTERPRETATION

Covers the techniques of identification of various stains and the methods used in determining whether or not the stain is blood. Topics include the significance of bloodstain evidence and its role in criminal investigation; detection and identification of stains and patterns; flight characteristics and stain pattern of human blood, blood detection and collection techniques; and the preservation of bloodstain evidence. Lab: two hours per week. Prerequisites: PLSC 2413 and CHEM 1104 and BIOL 1303 and BIOL 1311, or permission of department head.

PLSC 2434 FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION

Advanced techniques of fingerprint development with an emphasis on fingerprint comparison and identification. Lab: two hours per week. Prerequisite: CHEM 1104 or permission of department head.

PLSC 2443 CRIME SCENE RECONSTRUCTION

Provides an overview of reconstruction techniques, means of evaluating and interpretation of evidence from crime scenes, causation factors and the validity of physical evidence. Lab: two hours per week. Prerequisite: PLSC 2413.

PLSC 2533 COURTROOM TESTIMONY AND PRESENTATION

Provides the student with a step-by-step process of investigating crime(s) and methodically prepare the case for submission in a court of law.

PLSC 2543 OCCUPATIONAL PROFICIENCY

This course is designed to evaluate the graduate's proficiency in their major field of study. Areas to be assessed include communication skills, job interviewing techniques and professional competencies. Prerequisite: student must be within one (1) semester of graduation.