

Certificate

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

The Homicide Investigation certificate is designed to provide students with the general techniques, procedures, and practices of criminal investigation and, more specifically, the specialized knowledge and skills required to successfully investigate violent crimes, including homicide. This certificate is specifically designed for students who are currently in law enforcement, or who are planning to seek a position in law enforcement and advance to the position of criminal investigator. It is intended for those students who have completed the A.A.S. in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Crime Scene Investigations (CSI), or a similar program at a regionally accredited senior institution, or in-service law enforcement officers with the permission of the Department Chair.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Specific Admission Requirements for Program

- Criminal Background Check
- Prerequisite for this certificate is CRJ 235 or permission of the Department Chair based on CSI practical/field experience

Course Sequence and Progression Requirements

A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for all CRJ-prefixed courses for progression and graduation. Most Criminal Justice (CRJ) courses are offered only once each year, so following the recommended course sequence is extremely important.

CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

First Semester

CRJ 141	Forensic Investigative Report Writing	3
CRJ 200	Basic Development Collection Techniques	3
CRJ 228	Homicide Investigation*	3
	TOTAL	9

Second Semester

CRJ 204	Advanced Crime Scene Investigative Photography	3
CRJ 226	Advanced Bloodstain Firearm Pattern Evidence Analysis*	3
CRJ 227	Collection and Preservation of Biological Evidence	3
	TOTAL	9

Third Semester

CRJ 199	X-Rays as an Investigative Tool and Evidence	3
CRJ 206	Advanced Techniques in Print Development and Collection	3
CRJ 217	Crime Scene Investigations for Major Incidents and Mass Crimes	3
	TOTAL	9

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS **27**

*CRJ 226 and CRJ 228 have the additional prerequisite of CRJ 229.

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