J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number:  ADJ 236  
Credits:  3

Course Title:  Principles of Criminal Investigation

Course Description:  Surveys the fundamentals of criminal investigation procedures and techniques. Examines crime scene search, collecting, handling, and preserving of evidence. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:  
None

Student Learning Outcomes:  
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to  
a. Identify, describe, and discuss the five steps in crime scene procedure;  
b. Describe the proper evidence collection procedure;  
c. Take an acceptable set of fingerprints and classify them; and  
d. Write a report of a crime scene investigation in a manner acceptable for court testimony.

Major Topics to Be Included:  
a. Rules of Evidence  
b. Rules of Arrest  
c. Criminal Justice Procedure  
d. Evidence Collection  
e. Searching Techniques

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