



CJ 201 Articulation Competencies

Criminal Investigations (5 Credits)

Origins and development of criminal investigation. Emphasis on the scientific method, interrelationship of criminal investigations with criminalistics; recognition, documentation and collection of physical evidence; rules of evidence including admissibility, chain of custody and hearsay. Case studies will be used to illustrate the methodology of criminal investigation.

Upon completion of this course, successful students will score 80% or better on the following competencies to receive WVC college credits.

Student Learning Outcomes:

CATEGORIES			
1. Problem Solving: A. Critical Thinking B. Creative Thinking C. Quantitative Reasoning D. Qualitative Reasoning	2. Communication: A. Oral Expression B. Written Expression C. Artistic Expression	3. Social Interaction: A. Collaboration B. Ethical Conduct C. Professional Conduct D. Cultural Diversity	4. Inquiry: A. Information Literacy B. Research C. Documentation

Course Competencies Checklist:

- Apply the law and rules of criminal investigations. (1D, 3C, 4C)
- Investigate a series of fraud complaints. (1C, 3A, 4B)
- Analyze a death scene and its dynamics. (1B, 3C)
- Conduct a basic property crimes investigation. (1C, 3C)
- Conduct a basic child abuse investigation. (1A, 3B)
- Identify commonly abused illicit and prescription drugs. (1D, 4B)
- Engage in the interview and interrogation process. (1B, 2A, 3C, 4B)

Program Outcomes:

Students who complete the ATS in Criminal Justice will be able to:

- Communicate effectively in writing in order to document the actions of criminals, investigators, corrections officers and probation officers and meet the requirements of the American court system.
- Research the elements of criminal and procedural law in order to define criminal activity for adult offenders and juvenile delinquency.
- Assess crime scenes and criminal activity for the purpose of investigating the dynamics of criminal motivation.
- Think critically in the criminal justice setting and develop leadership qualities through examination and verbal communication of adversarial issues.
- Understand and articulate the evolution of the criminal justice system in American through the study of history and efforts of governmental and private sources to shape society and achieve improvements in the justice system.
- Recognize the dynamics of victims of criminal activity and identify the community's social services and other resources to assist those victims.
- Complete a job application, resume and prepare for civil service testing procedures in local, state and federal criminal justice professions.
- Acquire training and education to seek employment or advance in current employment.
- Develop a foundation to continue their studies in criminal justice or related fields.

Core Topics:

- Chronological documentation
- Evidence collection
- Interview and interrogation
- Comparing physical evidence to verbal statements
- Suspect identification
- Developing probable cause
- Statute of limitations