

# CRJS 353 : Crime Scene Investigation

This course will examine the processes of crime scene investigations, including interviewing, evaluating, photographing, sketching, and processing a scene. The processes will include preserving, collecting, documenting, and preparing evidence for the courtroom. Identification of a suspect is emphasized in the course through the use of digital and genetic fingerprinting. Analysis of evidence will assist the student in developing conclusions of a crime scene. The hands-on application approach will be utilized to assist the student in understanding the crime scene investigation process.

**Credits** 3

**CIP Code**

43.0104

**Prerequisites**

(LIBR 150 may be taken concurrently).

**Prerequisite Courses**

CRJS 201

LIBR 150

**Course Outcomes**

After successfully completing the course, the learner will be able to:

- Apply the rules of evidence to different evidentiary scenarios.
- Be able to define and explain pretrial identification procedures.
- Define what constitutes a proper arrest.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the overall operation and function of the judicial system.
- Demonstrate the knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and individual rights under the Constitution.
- Describe admissions and confessions and what the legal rights of defendants are.
- Describe the search warrant procedures that must be followed to meet legal requirements.
- Describe the stages of a criminal trial.
- Determine the relationship of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights to the criminal justice system.
- Develop an understanding of the basic rules of evidence applicable in criminal proceedings.
- Develop an understanding of the rationale for various evidentiary rules.
- Explain the importance of appellate court decisions related to proof/evidence.
- Identify ethical dilemmas encountered during the criminal procedure process.