

Course Competencies Template - Form 112

GENERAL INFORMATION	
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Course Prefix/Number: CJT - 1110	Course Title: Crime Scene Technology I
Number of Credits: 3	
Degree Type:	$\square B.A. \square B.S. \square B.A.S \square A.A. \square A.S. \square A.A.S.\square C.C.C. \square A.T.C. \square C.T.C.(V.C.C.)$
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☑ New Course Competency	
Course to be designated as a General Education course (part of the 36 hours of A.A. Gen. Ed. coursework): 🗌 Yes 🛛 🛛 No	
The above course links to the following Learning Outcomes:	
 ☑ Communication ☑ Numbers / Data ☑ Critical thinking ☑ Information Literacy □ Cultural / Global Perspective 	 Social Responsibility Ethical Issues Computer / Technology Usage Aesthetic / Creative Activities Environmental Responsibility
Course Description (limit to 50 words or less, <u>must</u> correspond with course description on Form 102): This is an introductory course in Crime Scene Technology. Students will learn the techniques, materials and instrumentation used in securing, searching, recording, collecting, and examining physical evidence. There will be a special emphasis on the tools, instruments, and techniques used in the studies of crime scene reconstruction, fingerprints, firearms, tool marks, and blood stain pattern analysis. (3 hr. lect.)	
Prerequisite(s): None	Co requisite(s): None

Course Competencies: (for further instruction/guidelines go to: http://www.mdc.edu/asa/curriculum.asp)

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of crime scene investigation and forensic science by:

- 1. Discussing the major contributors to the development of forensic science.
- 2. Describing the services of a crime laboratory.
- 3. Explaining the role and responsibilities of the expert witness.

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge of procedures with securing and searching a crime scene by:

- 1. Identifying the responsibilities of the responding officer.
- 2. Describing the proper procedures for conducting a systematic search of crime scenes.
- 3. Documenting initial observations and evidence collected.

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate techniques used to record the crime scene by:

- 1. Describing the proper format and content of crime scene notes.
- 2. Reviewing the basic features of film and digital photography.
- 3. Creating a rough and finished crime scene sketch.

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Competency 4: The student will demonstrate the techniques used to collect crime scene evidence by:

- 1. Reviewing the physical evidence encountered at crime scenes.
- 2. Illustrating the proper collection and packaging of physical evidence.
- 3. Describing chain of custody.

Competency 5: The student will define physical evidence and evaluation instruments by:

- 1. Defining individual and class characteristics.
- 2. Listing computerized databases of crime scene evidence.
- 3. Identifying the contributions of crime scene professionals.

Competency 6: The student will demonstrate knowledge of crime scene reconstruction by:

- 1. Identifying the processes of deductive reasoning, inductive reasoning, and falsifiability and how these processes are used in reconstruction.
- 2. Describing crime scene reconstruction techniques.
- 3. Reviewing the roles of evidence and re-enactments in crime scene reconstruction.

Competency 7: The student will demonstrate knowledge of fingerprint collection techniques by:

- 1. Describing automated fingerprint identification systems.
- 2. Listing the techniques and materials needed for developing latent fingerprints.
- 3. Describing the procedures for preserving a developed latent fingerprint.

Competency 8: The student will demonstrate knowledge of firearm evidence by:

- 1. Describing ballistics analysis: i.e. trajectory, striation, caliber, etc.
- 2. Explaining firearms database systems.
- 3. Listing procedures for the collection and preservation of firearm evidence.

Competency 9: The student will demonstrate knowledge of tool mark and impression evidence by:

- 1. Comparing different tools to tool marks.
- 2. Characterizing impressions.
- 3. Identifying field reagents to enhance tool marks and impressions.

Competency 10: The student will demonstrate knowledge of bloodstain pattern analysis by:

- 1. Calculating the angle of impact of a bloodstain using its dimensions.
- 2. Distinguishing among the classifications of low, medium, and high velocity impact spatter.
- 3. Explaining how these classifications are used.
- 4. Determining the area of convergence and area of origin for impact spatter patterns.

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