

# **Course Description**

# CJE2600 | Criminal Investigation | 3.00 credits

Fundamentals of criminal investigation, theory and practice, including crime scene search; preservation, collection and transportation of physical evidence interviewing, interrogating; statement taking; and case preparation, with investigation of specific offenses; relationship with the police science laboratory.

### **Course Competencies:**

**Competency 1:** The student will learn the history of a criminal investigation by:

- 1. Discussing the evolution of criminal investigation
- 2. Describing historical milestones of forensic science
- 3. Discussing due process and arrest
- 4. Explaining U.S. Supreme Court cases regarding the 4th and 5th Amendments

# **Competency 2:** The student will learn the elements of a crime by:

- 1. Describing the ingredients of arrest
- 2. Differentiating between the elements of a robbery and burglary
- 3. Listing various types of vehicle thefts
- 4. Distinguishing petty thefts from grand thefts

# Competency 3: The student will develop an understanding of criminal offenses by:

- 1. Describing types of robberies and robbers
- 2. Discussing types of burglars and burglaries
- 3. Identifying types of vehicle thieves and vehicle thefts
- 4. Contrasting organized theft and white-collar crime

# **Competency 4:** The student will examine investigative techniques by:

- 1. Describing the role and objectives of the investigator
- 2. Explaining the types of crime scenes and collecting various types of physical evidence
- 3. Comparing and contrasting interviews and interrogations
- 4. Explaining how to write an incident and supplemental report

#### **Competency 5:** The student will examine new technology that is used at the crime scene by:

- 1. Analyzing emerging techniques for collecting evidence
- 2. Discuss advances in DNA, fingerprints, forensic odontology, blood, and other physical evidence
- 3. Describing emerging investigative tools, including biometrics
- 4. Identifying detection deception devices

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information

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