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Calumet College of St. Joseph is a Catholic institution of higher learning dedicated to the academic, spiritual and ethical development of undergraduate and graduate students. Informed by the values of its founding religious community, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.), the College promotes the inherent dignity of all people, social justice, an ethic of service, student empowerment, opportunity, and lifelong learning.

COURSE SYLLABUS

Term: Fall, 2018 (181), August 27-December 12, 2018

Course: Scientific Criminal Investigation 330

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name	Dr. Allen Brown
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Hours Available:	Mon/Wed: 9:30-10:10 am., 11:30-noon, 1:30-2:00 pm; Tue/Thu: 9:30-10:10 am., 11:30-noon, 1:30-2:00 pm, 3:15-4:00 pm. Other hours by appointment. Please reach me by home phone.
Instructor Background: Practicing Attorney at Law, Indiana & Illinois, Personal Injury, criminal law, DUI/OWI, civil law. (Damn Good); Former social worker & business owner.	

Course Information:

Course Time:	Mon/Wed Noon-1:30 pm
Classroom:	207
Prerequisites:	
Required Books and Materials:	Criminal Investigation by James Gilbert, 8 th Ed Prentis Hall, 2009.

Learning Outcomes/ Competencies:

Students in this course will:

1. Understand & discuss the historical origins, basic concepts, and starting point of criminal investigations.
2. Recognize & discuss the "crime scene" as a major part of the criminal investigative process.
3. Differentiate & describe the four major methods to search a crime scene.
4. Know & explain the importance of the major differences of victim, witness, and suspect interviews.
5. Recognize, understand, and explain the uses of "traditional sources" of information in investigations.
6. Differentiate by definition & example the legal meaning of burglary, robbery, homicide, and rape.

This course meets the following learning objectives for the criminal justice program:

1. Gaining a basic understanding of the subject.
2. Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course.
3. Developing ethical reasoning and ethical decision making.
4. Learning to apply knowledge & skills to benefit others or serve the public good.

Course Description:

This course provides students with a general overview of the scientific aspect of criminal investigation, including the study of fingerprints and application of the forensic sciences. Emphasis is placed upon the collection and examination of evidence.

Learning Strategies:

e.g., lecture, discussion, group projects, etc.

Experiential Learning Opportunities:

Internship 495 opportunities may exist for Junior/senior students, who plan a semester ahead, in various law enforcement agencies that have crime labs. We will attempt to have classroom demonstrations on subjects like fingerprinting.

Assessments:

Major Assignments:	Examinations	80 %
Class Participation	Participation & assignments	20 %
Presentations	Papers or Folders	___ %

Course Schedule:

Class Date	Assignment/General Cover.	Test Schedule/Grade Scale													
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Oct 01	03	Ch. 7	
08	10	Ch. 8	
15	17	Ch. 9; test 2	
22	24	Ch. 10	
29	31	Ch. 11	
Nov 05	07	Ch. 12	
12	14	Ch. 13; test 3	
(19	21)	Fall Break	
26	28	Ch. 13	
Dec 03	05	Ch. 17	
10	12	Review; final ch. 13 & 17	

I reserve the right to change this schedule to meet the needs of the class.

Responsibilities	
Attending Class	<p>You cannot succeed in this class if you do not attend. We believe that intellectual growth and success in higher education occur through interaction in the classroom and laboratories. However, we do not want to penalize students for participating in college-sponsored events. When you miss class because of a college event, you must give notice of your absence in advance, and you are responsible for all missed work. Being absent doesn't excuse you from doing class work; you have more responsibilities to keep up and meet the objectives of this course.</p> <p>No more than <u>Four</u> (4) absences allowed; requests for an exception MUST be in writing within one week of returning to any class. Given at Instructor's discretion.</p>
Turning In Your Work	<p>You cannot succeed in this class if you do not turn in all your work on the day it is due. All homework/assignments are to be submitted when due; late work will be downgraded. After one week late work will NOT be accepted. Medical or other excuses at Instructor's discretion.</p>
Using Electronic Devices	<p>All electronic devices <u>shall</u> be turned off PRIOR to entering the classroom, whether or not class has started. If you have an electronic textbook</p>

	<p>permission to use your device may be granted. If you text or access the Internet for other purposes, you may be asked to leave, in which case you will be marked absent. Any medical or emergency exceptions by Instructor approval only.</p>
Participating in Class	<p>You must be on time, stay for the whole class and speak up in a way that shows you have done the assigned reading. If you are not prepared for class discussion, you may be asked to leave, in which case you will be marked absent.</p> <p>You must prepare for every chapter we cover fifteen (15) important factual statements: give the statement, the page number, and the location on the page (top, middle, or bottom).</p>
Doing Your Own Work & Not Allowing Cheating/Dishonesty	<p>All students enrolled in a criminal justice course must adhere to the CRIJ "Honor Code" which states that every student MUST make the Instructor aware of actual or suspected cheating by any student. This means that not only the suspected student but any other student that also observed the incident. Any student observing cheating and failing to report it shall also be deemed guilty of cheating. Preparing to enter the field of criminal justice requires a code of honesty. If you feel that you cannot turn someone in who is dishonest or cheating, please find another major field of study!!</p> <p>If you turn in work that is not your own, you are subject to judicial review, and these procedures can be found in the College Catalog and the Student Planner. The maximum penalty for any form of academic dishonesty is dismissal from the College.</p> <p>Using standard citation guidelines, such as MLA or APA format, to document sources avoids plagiarism. The Library has reference copies of each of these manuals, and there are brief checklists in your Student Handbook and Planner.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: All papers may be electronically checked for plagiarism.</p>
Withdrawing from Class	<p>After the last day established for class changes has passed (see the College calendar), you may withdraw from a course by following the policy outlined in the CCSJ Course Catalog.</p>

Resources	
Student Success Center:	The Student Success Center provides faculty tutors at all levels to help you master specific subjects and develop effective learning skills. It is open to all students at no charge. You can contact the Student Success Center at 219 473-4287 or stop by the Library.
Disability Services:	Disability Services strives to meet the needs of all students by providing academic services in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. If you believe that you need a "reasonable accommodation" because of a disability, contact the Disability Services Coordinator at 219-473-4349.

CCSJ Alerts:	Calumet College of St. Joseph's emergency communications system will tell you about emergencies, weather-related closings, or other incidents via text, email, or voice messages. Please sign up for this important service annually on the College's website at: http://www.ccsj.edu/alerts/index.html .
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Student Assistance Program	Through a partnership with Crown Counseling , Calumet College of St. Joseph provides a free Student Assistance Program (SAP) to current students. The SAP is a confidential counseling service provided to students for personal and school concerns which may be interfering with academic performance and/or quality of life. The SAP counselor is available on campus once a week and off-site at the Crown Counseling offices in Crown Point or Hammond. For more information, contact Kerry Knowles SAP Counselor , at 219-663-6353 (office), 219-413-3702 (cell), or kerryk@crowncounseling.org .
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CCSJ Book Rental Program	The CCSJ Book Program ensures that everyone has the right course materials on the first day of class to be successful. You pay a book rental fee each semester, and in return, receive all the materials for all your classes prior to the beginning of classes. At the end of the semester, simply return the books. For traditional students, the Book Rental Program is conveniently located in the library, where students can pick up and return their books. For students in accelerated programs and graduate programs, books will be delivered to their homes and they can return them by mail. For more information, see http://www.ccsj.edu/bookstore . All books must be returned at the end of the semester or you will incur additional fees, which will be charged to your student account.
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