



Course Syllabus

Death Investigation I CJSA 1400

Course Description: Concepts, investigations process, scene management, required documentation, and case management for incidences of natural, accidental, and suicidal deaths. Follows the Department of Justice National Guidelines for Death Investigations and meets the criteria for academic credit recognition from the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

Semester Hours Credit: 4

Lecture/Lab Hours: 2/5

Prerequisite: None

Textbook(s): “Practical Homicide Investigation” by Geberth 4th Ed., CRC Press, ISBN: 9780849333033

End of Course Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course the student will:

1. Use Critical Thinking skills to exhibit proficiency in scene protection and investigation; complete written reports related to state regulations.
2. Use Communication Skills to demonstrate their ability to communicate with others verbally and in writing.
3. Use Social Responsibility skills to demonstrate their ability to identify the types of serial killers.

Evaluation Methods:

Examination

Student Learning Outcomes: Students will utilize Critical Thinking and Communication skills to exhibit proficiency in scene protection and investigation; complete written reports related to state regulations. Students will utilize Social Responsibility skills to identify the types of serial killers.

Assessment: Will be conducted by written examination by midterm.

Target: 90% of the class will pass the written exam with a 70% or better.

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