

# NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## COURSE SYLLABUS

**Course Title: Criminal Investigation**

**Course #: CJS 220**

**Course Description: 3 Credits**

Fundamentals of criminal investigation; theory and history; crime scene to courtroom with emphasis on techniques appropriate to specific crimes. Students will process a mock crime scene.

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Intro. To Criminal Justice CJS 101, Grade of C or better**

**Goals:** To study the methods of investigating various crimes with an emphasis on collection and presentation of evidence.

To understand the impact of State and Supreme Court cases in the investigation of everyday crimes.

**Outcomes:** Upon completion of the course the student should be able to

- Recall perspectives of the role of the crime investigator in the American Criminal Justice System
- List and recall technical methods and techniques available to crime scene personnel
- Demonstrate skills in observation, recording and reporting of criminal activities
- Categorize methods employed to safe-guard evidence for court presentation
- Employ court room testimony methodology and evidence presentation
- Understand what comprises a criminal investigation
- Demonstrate basic investigative responsibilities
- List and recall methods of investigating violent crimes
- Understand and recall challenges to the criminal investigator