Course Description

Introduces the selection and use of visual recording devices and their application to crime scene, interview, interrogation and criminal investigation activities. Lecture 1 hr. per week.

General course purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an introduction to basic photographic tools and their applications in crime scenes or investigations.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisite: ADJ 236 or basic understanding of criminal investigations through experience

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the students will be able to:

- To gain practical knowledge of a 35mm camera
- To gain photographic perspective for filming investigations or related evidence
- To gain practical knowledge of digital photography as well as camcorders and their use at crime scenes
- To introduce the student to other photographic tools used at a crime scene

Major Topics to be Included

- Parts of 35 mm camera
- Familiarity with Press or Polaroid cameras
- Different types of black and white and color films
- Different types of lenses used in photography
- Approaches for photographing crime scenes
- Photographic enlargements and their use in investigations

Extra topics

Related photographic techniques and tools at the discretion of the instructor.