ADJ 236 - PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION (3 CR.)

Course Description

Surveys the fundamentals of criminal investigation procedures and techniques. Examines crime scene, search, collecting, handling and preserving of evidence. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an introduction to the investigation steps that should be followed during the investigation of crimes. Also, the methods of properly obtaining the gathering evidence so that it can be used in the solution of crimes and be admissible at the time of trial.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Understand the duties, responsibilities, and methods of the first officer to arrive at the scene of a crime
- Obtain insights as to the investigative responsibility and techniques in obtaining evidence during the follow-up investigation be an effective witness in court

Major Topics To Be Included

- History of criminal investigation
- Investigative techniques
  - Surveillance
  - Informants
  - Crime scene recording
  - Interviews and interrogations
- Specific Investigations
- Death
- Sex offenses
- Robbery

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor