

ODESSA COLLEGE
Syllabus

Topic: Criminal Investigation

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Course Materials:

Textbook: Criminal Investigation; The Art and the Science 6th edition

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Learning Objectives: Investigative theory; collection and preservation of evidence; sources of information; interview and interrogation; uses of forensic science.

The student will explain the use of theory, the method of collection and preservation of evidence; the involvement of forensic science in the criminal justice system.

Lesson Checklist: Discussion Forums: I will post one or more questions you will be responsible to address each week.

Writing Assignments:

We will cover one (1) chapter a week in the following manner:

I will post the question(s) for you to address in the following protocol: Your initial post will be NO LESS THAN 250 words. You will read what the other students have posted and reply to two Other students' posts with NO LESS THAN 100 words EACH.

Grading:

There will be a Midterm and Final examination as well as a seven (7) page term paper. The term paper requirements are explained in detail in the "announcement" area of "BLACKBOARD"

Grades:

A: 90-100

B- 80-89

C- 70-79

D- 60-69

F- Less than 60

Course Participation:

Unlike a traditional instructor-led class, you do not need to show up to a class at a specific time of day. You DO need to make a constant effort to complete the online course assignments in a timely and acceptable manner. See announcement area for additional information.

Online Etiquette:

The objective of an online discussion is to be collaborative, not combative. Please proofread your responses carefully before posting to make sure they are not offensive to others. Treat the discussion area as a creative environment where you can ask questions, express opinions and take positions just as you would in a more traditional classroom setting

Academic Honesty

All students will be expected to adhere to the academic honest policy as enumerated in the student policy booklet. All work submitted will be that of the individual student. Deviation of that poicy will result in a failing grade for the semester.

Student Assistance:

Counseling is available in the faculty office and students are encouraged to contact a faculty member prior to the escalation of problems. If the faculty member cannot help, the student will be referred. Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disability act of 1990.

