

CJSA 2332



**LAMAR INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY**

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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CREDIT

2 Semester Credit Hours (0 hours lecture, 20 hours lab)

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Various

PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:

None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of the practical aspects of criminalistics procedures. Topics include crime scene investigation, collecting and preserving evidence, and testifying in court.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to

1. Conduct a crime scene investigation under simulated circumstances.
2. Demonstrate proper methods of identifying, collecting, preserving evidence for crime laboratory analysis.
3. Demonstrate proper courtroom demeanor and methods of testifying

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

N/A-hands on

ATTENDANCE POLICY

128 hours are required of this program and student must complete all those hours in order to receive credit for the course.

DROP POLICY

If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process by the specified drop date as listed on the [Academic Calendar](#). If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an “F” in the course.

STUDENT EXPECTED TIME REQUIREMENT

For every hour in class (or unit of credit), students should expect to spend at least two to three hours per week studying and completing assignments. For a 3-credit-hour class, students should prepare to allocate approximately six to nine hours per week outside of class in a 16-week session OR approximately twelve to eighteen hours in an 8-week session. Online/Hybrid students should expect to spend at least as much time in this course as in the traditional, face-to-face class.

COURSE CALENDAR

DATE	TOPIC	Assignments	ASSIGNMENTS (Due on this Date)
Week 1	Introduction/ Orientation		January 21, 2024
Week2	Digital & Ink Fingerprinting		February 17, 2024
Week 3	Photography & Lighting		February 17, 2024
Week 4	Laten prints		February 17, 2024
Week 5	Laten prints		March 24, 2024
Week 6	Laten prints		March 24, 2024
Week 7	Laten prints		March 24, 2024
Week 8	Wet Evidence, Arson, Firearms		March 24, 2004
Week 9	Searches, Sketches, Reports, Testimon		April 21, 2024
Week 10	Crime Scene #1		April 21, 2024
Week 11	Crime Scene #2		April 21, 2024
Week 12	Crime Scene #3		April 21,2024
Week 13	Crime Scene #4		April 30, 2024
Week 14	Testimony/Wrap up– JOURNALS DUE		April 30, 2024
Week 15	Testimony/Wrap up– JOURNALS DUE		May 08,2024
Week 16	Final Week		May 09,2024

COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

1. Tests 10%
2. Participation/Attendance 10%
3. Assignments 30%
4. Crime Scene Project(s) 50%



GRADING SCALE

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

LIT does not use +/- grading scales

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students found to be committing academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, or collusion) may receive disciplinary action. Students need to familiarize themselves with the institution's Academic Dishonesty Policy available in the Student Catalog & Handbook at <http://catalog.lit.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#academic-dishonesty>.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at <https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements>. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email specialpopulations@lit.edu. You may also visit the online resource at [Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology \(lit.edu\)](#).

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at www.lit.edu. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

STARFISH

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION

1. Participation is required
2. Work hours, assignments and documentation will be coordinated between the student and assigned program supervisor/manager and agency.
3. Specific program policies and requirements will necessarily be commensurate with the assigned organization.
4. If for any reason the student cannot fulfill his/her required hours or is terminated from organization/agency student will result in a grade of F in the course.
5. Successful completion of the practicum journal/essay/oral exit/evaluations.
6. Additional class policies as defined by the individual course instructor