

Course discipline/number/title: POFC 1112: Introduction to Criminal Investigation

- A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 3
 2. Hours/Week: 3
 3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): None
 4. MnTC Goals (if any): NA
- B. COURSE DESCRIPTION. This course will cover preliminary investigations, investigative techniques, and the investigation of specific offenses. Discussions will include the importance of determining the offenders' method of operation along with the specific elements of each criminal offense. Specific investigative techniques will be discussed.
- C. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): February, 2023
- D. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Overview of Criminal Investigations
 2. Searches
 3. Photography and Sketching
 4. Notes and reports
 5. Recognizing evidence
 6. Interviewing and interrogations
 7. Identifying and arresting suspects
 8. Preparing for court
 9. Elements of criminal offenses
- E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:
1. Explain the legal and procedural aspects of the investigative process.
 2. Explain roles and responsibilities associated with law enforcement investigations.
 3. Compare legal, procedural, and ethical considerations in interrogations and interviews.
 4. Demonstrate organization and clarity in all associated investigation documents.
 5. Define key elements for effective interaction with the judicial system.
- F. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA
- G. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING. Methods may include but are not limited to:
1. Daily assignments
 2. Tests
- H. RCTC CORE OUTCOME(S). This course contributes to meeting the following RCTC Core Outcome(s): Critical Thinking. Students will think systematically and explore information thoroughly before accepting or formulating a position or conclusion.
- I. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any): None