

University of Northern Colorado
College of Humanities and Social Science
Office of Extended Studies
CRJ 403-600: Techniques of Crime Scene Investigation (CSI)
Spring Break, March, 2012

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Guest Lecturers:

- (1) Jan LeMay, IAI Certified Crime Scene Specialist, Certified, Crime Scene Photographer
- (2) George Slack, BS, Retired, Crime Prevention/ Training Officer at UNC
Colorado Peace Officer's Standards and Training (P.O.S.T) Certified Educator.
- (3) Honorable Judge Marcelow Kopcow, 19th Judicial District Court Judge

Dates: Course dates are March 12-17th. Class is from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm daily.
Students taking this course for credit will have a final exam on Saturday morning.

Lecture Classroom: Candelaria Hall, Room 1375

Recommended Text: *CSI For the First Responder*, LeMay, Jan, 2011, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida

Required Text: A workshop notebook and study reference guide will be provided to each student for this course as part of the cost of tuition.

Tuition: \$725/course. This course is not COF eligible.

Course Description:

This course is taught in an intensive one week format. This course provides the student with a series of lectures, labs and exercise practicum's for documenting crime scenes, identifying evidence and collecting various types of evidence as well as the preliminary techniques for crime scene processing. Students will actually process three mock crime scenes to access what is evidence, how to collect, preserve and examine various types of evidence. This course will include an introduction to basic crime scene searching and sketching, photography, fingerprint development and recovery, footwear lifting and casting, blood collection, firearms recovery safety, trace metal detection techniques.

Course Objectives:

The student will able to:

- Recognize different types of physical evidence from crime scenes. (Program goals 3, 4,6, 7).
- Conduct an appropriate assessment of the scene. Program goals 3, 6, 7)
- Develop a crime scene sketch to supplement your report.
- Photograph the crime scene and items of evidence to supplement the investigator's report. Program goals 1, 3, 4, 6, 7)
- Collect evidence associated with various types of crimes. (Program goals 3, 6, 7,)
- Document with several specific means the location of evidence and its relationship within the crime scene. (Program goal 1, 4, 6, 7).
- Generate an in depth comprehensive report of crime processing techniques. (Program goals 1, 6, 7).
- Start and maintain documented legal 'chain of custody' of collected evidence for introduction into the judicial system. (Program goal 1, 6, 7).

Outline of Course Content:

Understanding the Nature of Physical Evidence
 Actions of the Initial Responding Officer
 Processing Methodology
 Assessing the Scene
 Crime Scene Photography
 Crime Scene Sketching and Mapping
 Basic Skills for Scene Processing
 Advanced Techniques for Scene Processing
 Defining the Role of Crime Scene Analysis and Reconstruction
 Crime Scene Equipment

Class Presentations:

Students will be expected to submit the written results of their groups processing assignments throughout the week. Upon the completion of the course each individual student is expected to submit a photo log, a chain of custody sheet, a crime scene sketch and a written narrative of the steps taken to process their mock crime scene. Each student will also be expected to participate in a moot court presentation to establish a legal foundation for the introduction of their photos into a court of law.

Extra Credit:

No extra credit is structured into this class.

Examinations:

Both a mid-term and final examination will be administered in compliance with University standards. **The Mid-term examine will be on Wednesday, March 14 and the Final Examination will be on Saturday, March 17th. Both examinations will only be administered on their respective dates.** Both the mid-term and final exams will be comprehensive of all topics presented in this course.

Quizzes:

A daily quiz will be administered on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of this course. Quizzes are generally fifteen points in value.

Participation and attendance:

Students cannot afford to miss any portion of this class in order to maintain a passing grade.

Quizzes	= 15 – 20 points each
Midterm Exam	= 50 points
Final Exam	= 100 points
Written group summary & crime scene sketch	= 25 points
Supplemental attached required documents	= 10 points each

Method of Evaluation

This course is letter graded and will follow the grade level breakdown approved by the CJR faculty.

Grade	% of Total Points
A	93 – 100%
A -	90 - 92%
B+	88 – 89%
B	83 - 87%
B-	80 – 82%
C+	78 - 79%
C	70 – 77%
D	60 – 69%
F	0 – 59%

Percentages are based on the total accumulated points from the mid-term, final, any quizzes, the submitted paper and individual presentations.

Students with Disabilities

Any student requesting disability accommodation for this class must inform the instructor giving appropriate notice. Students are encouraged to contact Disability Support Services at (970) 351-2289 to certify documentation of disability and to ensure appropriate accommodations are implemented in a timely manner.

Honor Code

All members of the University of Northern Colorado community are entrusted with the responsibility to uphold and promote five fundamental values: *Honesty, Trust, Respect, Fairness, and Responsibility*. These core elements foster an atmosphere, inside and outside of the classroom, which serves as a foundation and guides the UNC community's academic, professional, and personal growth. Endorsement of these core elements by students, faculty, staff, administration, and trustees strengthens the integrity and value of our academic climate.

UNC's Policies

UNC's policies and recommendations for academic misconduct will be followed. For additional information, please see the Dean of Student's website, Student Handbook link <http://www.unco.edu/dos/pdf/StudentCodeofConduct.pdf>

Notice

The Office of Extended Studies reserves the right to cancel or reschedule courses based upon enrollment. Enrolled students will be contacted with information of any change.

Student Satisfaction Evaluation

Participants will be asked to evaluate the workshop for instructors' knowledge, interest and enthusiasm as well as providing additional information on classes or topics which you would like to see developed as a future offering from UNC.

Portable Electronic Devices

Please extend courtesy to your instructor and fellow students by turning off your portable electronic devices such as: cell phones, pagers, and iPods. Although not an audio issue, text-messaging is a distraction to other students and prevents you from full participation in class. You should keep your portable electronic devices in your backpack or purse during class. Your personal electronic devices should not be on your desks. If you know that you may need to accept an emergency phone call during class or if you have children in childcare or school, please let the instructor know. If you need to take a phone call during class, please step out of the classroom while you complete your call. Thank you for your cooperation.

Anyone that violates this policy of academic courtesy will be asked to leave the class immediately for the duration of the class. A student discovered to have violated this request will have to submit a one page, type written request to the instructor for permission for re-enter into the course. This paper will be an explanation as to why the discourteous student should be considered for re-entry back into the class. This request will be reviewed by three student peers from the same class to consider the request. Thank you for your cooperation.

Course Withdrawal Information

In accordance with University and Colorado Department of Higher Education policy, if you drop this class after March 9, 2012, you are legally responsible for payment of full tuition. In order to be eligible to receive any refund of tuition, you must contact the Office of Extended Studies (1-800-232-1749) to formally withdraw from your class. Your refund, if applicable, will be based on the date of contact with our office. Withdrawals received via telephone during non-business hours will be processed and dated on the next working day. Failure to notify us will result in UNC tuition being owed even though you do not attend or complete the coursework.

