## JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE **State University of New York**

## MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS

**Course Title:** Crime Scene Evidence SPC

Course Abbreviation and Number: CRI 1470

Course Type: Lecture/Lab

**Course Description:** This two-week course specializes in training as it relates to an officer who will be responsible for the detection, collection, and documentation of evidence at a crime scene. This aspect of law enforcement directly relates to crime scene Investigations and is intertwined with forensic laboratories, medical examiners offices and prosecutors. The instruction will include the collection of blood, bodily fluids, DNA, trace, and physical evidence.

Prerequisite: student must be a certified police officer of a recognized law enforcement agency and must have successfully completed CRI 1460: Basic Investigative Photography.

## **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 1. Define Ethics and Brady Material
- 2. List five tasks which should be performed in a preliminary walk through of a crime scene
- 3. Define chain of custody, non-fungible and fungible evidence
- 4. List and describe five purposes of crime scene photographic equipment

## **Topics Covered:**

- Ethics •
- Crime Scene Management •
- Crime Scene Documentation •
- Rules of Evidence and Chain of Custody •
- Legal Issues; Crime Scene Kit •
- Photography Review •
- Videography of Crime Scenes •
- Crime Scene Sketching •
- Forensic Laboratory Services
- **Information for Students** 
  - **Expectations of Students** 
    - Civility Statement (http://www.sunyjcc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility)
    - Student Responsibility Statement (http://www.sunvjcc.edu/academics/student-responsibility) •
    - Academic Integrity (http://www.sunvjcc.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity)
  - **Disability/Special Services** 
    - Any student who requires accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability should make their needs known to the Coordinator of Accessibility Services, 716.338.1251.
  - Emergency Closing Procedures (http://www.sunyjcc.edu/student-life/campus-safety/jcc-alert)
  - Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0 B+=3.5 B=3 C+=2.5 C=2 D+=1.5 D=1 F=0
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Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.

Effective Date: Fall 2019

**Credit Hours:** 4

Intro to Evidence Collection

- Casting Impressions; Latent prints •
- State Automated Fingerprinting ID Systems •
- Fire Scene and Bomb Scene Investigations
- Death Investigations and Medico-Legal Matters •
- Technology •
- Motor Vehicle Evidence Search •
- Motor Vehicle Crime Scene Review
- Motor Vehicle Collision