

# CMRJ306

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## Course Summary

**Course :** CMRJ306 **Title :** Criminal Investigation

**Length of Course :** 8

**Prerequisites :** N/A **Credit Hours :** 3

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## Description

**Course Description:** This course is an analytical examination of crime detection and solution, including such topics as crime scene procedures, physical evidence, interviews, field notes and reporting, follow-up investigation, interrogation, and rules of evidence. Specific detail is given to investigations involving homicide, sex-related offenses, and crimes against children, robbery, larceny, vehicle thefts, computer crime, environmental crime, arson, and drug abuse. There is an in depth analysis of investigation methodologies addressing inductive and deductive reasoning to assess the decision making process to solve crimes.

### Course Scope:

This course is divided into 8 weeks and is organized to give students a broad context in which it will provide you with the information and processes needed to conduct, manage, and report a criminal investigation. The techniques procedures and resources presented are applicable whether the incident under investigation is a homicide or a forgery and can be expanded or adapted to the investigation of any incident -- criminal or civil. Instruction is primarily peer-reviewed journal article driven with accompanied online lectures and online classroom weekly discussion. Because it is a survey course, it will out of necessity; cover each topic with a broad brush. However, the reference area and online conference room will allow a deeper-look into any subject area that particularly attracts the student. The student will learn how to use published scholarly literature to research topics related to the material discussed.

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## Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course of study, the student will:

- CO1: Identify key terms associated with criminal investigations.
- CO2: Analyze the procedures for conducting a criminal investigation.
- CO3: Explain the evolution of criminal investigation and criminalistics.
- CO4: Define the term crime scene.

CO5: Analyzes interrogation and interview techniques.

CO6: Explain the role of evidence and the crime lab in the investigation process.

CO7: Analyze specific crime investigations techniques and practices (example: homicide, rape, child related incident, etc.).

CO8: Discuss the role of the investigator in the trial process and preparing for trial.

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## **Outline**

### **Week 1: The Evolution of Criminal Investigations**

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#### Course Objective(s)

Weekly content will address specific learning objectives for each course. Learning objectives covered each week are specified in the course site.

#### Reading(s)

Weekly lesson and assigned readings are available in the course site.

### **Week 2: Physical Evidence, Interviewing & Interrogation**

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#### Reading(s)

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### **Week 3: The Crime Laboratory**

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#### Reading(s)

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### **Week 4: Sex Related Offenses, Crimes against Children, & Robbery**

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#### Course Objective(s)

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#### Reading(s)

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## **Week 5: Burglary, Larceny-Theft, & White Collar Crime**

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### Reading(s)

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## **Week 6: Computer Crime, Environmental Crimes, and Vehicle Theft**

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### Course Objective(s)

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### Reading(s)

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## **Week 7: Investigating Drug Offenses, Arson, and Terrorism**

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### Course Objective(s)

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### Reading(s)

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## **Week 8: The Court Process and Preparing for Trial**

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## **Evaluation**

### Forums

Instructions and grading expectations for all forums will appear in the Forums section of the course site.

### Assignment(s)

Instructions and grading expectations for all assignments will appear in the Assignments section of the course site.

## Exam(s)

Instructions and grading expectations for all exams will appear in the Tests & Quizzes section of the course site.

### Grading:

Name	Grade %
Forums	44.00 %
Week 1 Forum	7.33 %
Week 2 Forum	7.33 %
Week 3 Forum	7.33 %
Week 5 Forum	7.33 %
Week 6 Forum	7.33 %
Week 7 Forum	7.33 %
Research Paper	15.00 %
Research Paper	15.00 %
Introduction	1.00 %
Introduction	1.00 %
Exams	40.00 %
midterm exam CMRJ306	20.00 %
Final exam CMRJ306	20.00 %

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## Materials

**Book Title:** Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Links provided inside the classroom in the Lessons section.

**Author:**

**Publication Info:**

**ISBN:** N/A

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## Course Guidelines

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## University Policies

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