

AJ 342
Criminal Investigation
College Hall Room 101
Monday Night 1830hrs.
Course Syllabus

- COURSE:** Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation I
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- COURSE MATERIALS:** Criminal Investigation: Swanson, Chamelin, Territo, Taylor
10th edition, McGraw Hill
ISBN-13: 978-0-07-340153-6
- Department of Justice: DEA/Bureau of Operations and
Research: Narcotics Investigators Manual
- Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended
United States Supreme Court, case law
United States Constitution
- COURSE OBJECTIVES:** To provide an overview of the methodology by which crimes are investigated. The student will be able to familiarize themselves with criminal elements, modus operandi information, basic investigatory techniques, evidence collection, interview/interrogation and public relations/media skills associated with an investigation. The student will also be expected to know and understand the legal elements and judicial decisions associated with criminal investigations. This will ensure that the student will be able to conduct preliminary investigations in the field along with the basic and advanced follow-up techniques associated with a criminal investigation. Specialized topics: Narcotics Investigation, Undercover Operations, Interview/Interrogation, Statement Analysis, Controlling Informants.
- ATTENDANCE:** All students are expected to be familiar with the attendance policy of USM. However, each student should be aware that full attendance is necessary in order to accomplish the goals of Criminal Investigation and the Criminal Justice field. It will also be easier for the student to understand the material. Students are expected to attend and participate in classroom discussions.

STUDENT DISABILITIES**ADA**

Students with a disability affecting academic performance are expected to arrange for a conference with the instructor in order that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. If the student is not sure that they qualify under ADA, American Disabilities Act, Please contact ADA office, 601-266-5024, located in Bond Hall, west end of first floor. Access ramps are available. Gulf Coast campus phone #228-214-3232.

STUDY TIPS:

Attend class and take notes. Have someone furnish you with notes and materials if you miss a class. Read assigned material prior to attending class in order to participate in class discussion. You will be provided the information on each quiz or test prior to the examination.

CHEATING:

Cheating on a test will result in loss of all credit for that test, (0%). The seeking, obtaining or accessing of information in any manner, on a test or paper, by any method other than the students own knowledge of the subject constitutes cheating.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism on any paper will result in loss of credit for that paper (0%), and may be referred to the Dean of Students as provided in the Student Handbook.
See attached copy of USM plagiarism policy

DROP/ADD

Wednesday, September 30 last day to drop full semester classes without penalty

Friday, November 06, last day to file for application for degree for spring 2010 commencement.

MISCELLANEOUS

All cell phones and beepers are to be turned off during class. The use of computers and recorders of any type, to take notes is prohibited unless approved by the ADA (American Disabilities Act) Counselor.

A violation of this rule will result in a grade of "F".
Please observe USM policies concerning food, drink and use of tobacco in the classroom.

Private conversations between two or more students, during class or lecture time are considered impolite and disruptive. In the event that this happens a warning will be given to the students. If this happens again, the students will be asked to leave the classroom and an absent or '0' for that day will be recorded.

GRADING

The following grading system will be used:
A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), F (below 59)

EXAMINATIONS

Mid-Term-25%
Crime Scene Investigation-25%
Final Exam-50%
No makeup exams will be given

COURSE SCHEDULE

Chapt. 1 & 2
Chapt. 3 & 4
Quiz #1

Chapt. 5,6,7,8
Quiz #2

Midterm Exam-Monday October 12,2009

Chapt. 12 & 13.

Chapt. 9,10,11,
Quiz #3
Chapt. 19
Quiz #4

FINAL EXAM- Monday November 30,2009, 1830 hrs.

The above course schedule may change due to student absorption rate, curriculum content, time constraints, or natural disasters.

Fall 2009 Academic Calendar

March 23-27	Advisement for registration
April 13 - May 1	Southern's Online Accessible Records (SOAR) Web Registration for continuing students, https://www.usm.edu/soar
June 8 - August 28	Open Registration (No Enrollment Appointment necessary)
Wednesday, July 1	Application deadline for new students
Friday, July 31	Last day to pay prior term balance or Fall classes are cancelled
August 3-14	Mini session classes
Tuesday, Aug. 4	Last day to add a mini session class
Wednesday, Aug. 5	Last day to drop a mini session class
Thursday, Aug. 13	Final orientation and registration for new transfer students
Friday, Aug. 14	Final orientation and registration for new freshmen students
Wednesday, Aug. 19	Classes begin, including first half-semester (8W1) classes Late registration (\$50 late fee) and add/drop begin
Thursday, Aug 20	Last day to register for first half-semester (8W1) classes
Saturday, Aug. 22	Saturday classes begin
Tuesday, Aug. 25	Last day to drop a 8W1 class without financial penalty
Friday, Aug. 28	Last day to register late for full-semester classes
Tuesday, Sept. 1	Last day to drop and receive 100% financial refund
Monday, Sept. 7	Labor Day holiday Monday day and night classes will not meet
Friday, Sept 11	Last day to drop first half-semester (8W1) classes without academic penalty
Wednesday, Sept. 30	Last day to drop full-semester classes without academic penalty
Thursday, Oct. 1	Late fall 2009 degree application fee applies-\$50.00 (non-refundable)
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Midpoint in fall semester Last day of first half-semester (8W1) classes Final examinations for first half-semester (8W1) classes
Thursday-Friday, Oct. 8-9	Fall Break Day and night classes do not meet
Saturday, Oct 10	Saturday classes meet
Monday, Oct. 12	Second half-semester (8W2) classes begin
Tuesday, Oct. 13	Last day to register for second half-semester (8W2) classes
Wednesday, Oct. 21	Last day to drop a 8W2 class without financial penalty

Monday, Nov. 2	Last day to drop second half-semester (8W2) classes without academic penalty
Friday, Nov. 6	Last day to file application for degree for spring 2010 commencement After this date, a \$50 late fee will be assessed on all spring 2010 degree applications
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Holidays begin Day and night classes do not meet
Monday, Nov. 30	Classes resume
Monday, Nov. 30	Monday night class examinations
Tuesday, Dec. 1	Tuesday night class examinations
Wednesday, Dec. 2	Wednesday night class examinations
Thursday, Dec. 3	Last day of full term classes Last day of second half-semester (8W2) courses Thursday night class examinations
Monday-Thursday, Dec. 7-10	Examinations
Friday, Dec. 11	Commencement Bernard Reed Green Coliseum 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12	Residence halls close at noon (12:00 p.m.)

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