CJ 342 – CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
FALL 2017 SYLLABUS

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Office Phone: (601) 266-4509
COURSE DATE: THURSDAY 6:30 PM TO 9:15 PM
CLASS LOCATION: JST ROOM 214
TERM DATES: AUGUST 16 TO DECEMBER 1, 2017

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:
TITLE: Criminal Investigation (4th Edition)
AUTHORS: Ronald F. Becker & Aric W. Dutelle
ISBN: 978-443-5000
PUBLISHER: Jones & Bartlett Learning

REQUIRED READING:
TITLE: Confessions of an Undercover Agent
AUTHOR: Charlie Spillers
ISBN: 978-1-4968-0520-1
PUBLISHER: University Press of Mississippi

GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM STATEMENT:
CJ 342 is part of the General Education Curriculum (GEC) of the University. As a consequence, the course fulfills the following GEC Student Learning Outcomes:
1). Students will develop a topic and present ideas through writing in an organized, logical, and coherent form and in a style that is appropriate for the discipline and the situation.
2). Students will use Standard English grammar, punctuation, spelling, and usage.
15). Students will use appropriate strategies to speak effectively in professional, social, or personal contexts.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: To provide the student with an understanding of:
1). The criminal investigation process.
2). Evidence handling.
3). “Crime scene” analysis.
4). How “forensic science” supports the criminal investigation.
5). Investigating crimes against property.
6). Investigating crimes against persons, including sexual assaults and rape investigations.
7). Narcotics investigations.
8). Terrorism investigations.
9). Presenting a criminal investigation to the prosecutor(s).

**COURSE GRADING:**

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A &= 90-100 \\
B &= 80-89 \\
C &= 70-79 \\
D &= 60-69 \\
F &= <60
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**GRADING ASSESSMENT:**

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<td>3 Exams (100 points each)</td>
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<td>1 Book Report</td>
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<td>1 Five Page Research Paper</td>
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**COURSE GRADING SCALE:**

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A &= 405-450 Points \\
B &= 360-404 Points \\
C &= 315-359 Points \\
D &= 270-314 Points \\
F &= <270 Points
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**BOOK REPORT:**
This course requires a written book report on the abovementioned required reading. The report should be 3-4 pages in length with a cover sheet containing the student’s name, course number, and title. Within the body of the report, the student should articulate if he/she believes that the required reading is a good read for this class. The report should be typed in 12-point font and be double-spaced.

**RESEARCH PAPER:**
This class requires a five (5) page research paper on a topic selected from the textbook. The paper should be typed in 12-point font, be double spaced, and conform to APA writing style. APA assistance is available at the Purdue Owl website (http://owl.english.purdue.edu). Please remember to use citations when appropriate. The due date is listed in the class schedule section of the syllabus.

**EXAMS:**
There will be three (3) exams for this class. The exams will contain Multiple Choice, True/False, and Short Answer questions. An exam review will be held in class one week prior to the exam. All exam dates will be revealed in class in advance.
WITHDRAWAL POLICY:
The last day to add/drop without Academic/Financial Penalty is **August 23**. After
this date, no tuition refund whatsoever will be issued, and all approved drops will
result in a grade of W. After October 27, no course withdrawals are permitted
(meaning the student will receive an actual grade in the course).

ATTENDANCE POLICY:
It is extremely important that students interact and participate in class discussions;
and as a result, it is imperative that students attend class on a regular basis to
achieve this goal. With that stated, no more than three (3) unexcused absences are
allowed for this class. If a student has 4 or more unexcused absences, he/she will
receive a one letter reduction in grade. Students are expected to come to class on
time.

CLASSROOM DEMEANOR:
Students are expected to conduct themselves in appropriate manner. No disruptive
behavior will be tolerated. Laptop computers will be permitted in class for note
taking purposes only. Texting is NOT permitted in class unless student has an
emergency situation. If a student continues to text message after a warning the
student will instructed to leave the class.

EXAM MAKE-UP POLICY
Students are expected to take examinations on the scheduled date and time. In the
event of a missed exam, the make-up will be taken (if permitted) at the Instructor’s
discretion. To qualify for this privilege, the Instructor must be notified in advance
preferably by email or in case of an unavoidable emergency, as soon thereafter as
possible.

ADA SYLLABUS STATEMENT:
If a student has a disability that qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act
(ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office of Disability
Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures.
Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities,
or chronic health disorders. Students can only contact ODA if they are NOT certain
whether a medical condition/disability qualifies.

**Mailing Address:**
The University of Southern Mississippi
Office of Disability Accommodations
118 College Drive #8586
Hattiesburg, MS. 39406-0001

**Contact Information:**
Telephone: (601) 266-5024
TTY: (601) 266-683-6837
FAX: (601) 266-6035

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY SYLLABUS STATEMENT:
All students at The University of Southern Mississippi are expected to demonstrate
the highest levels of academic integrity in all that they do. Forms of academic
dishonesty include (but are not limited to):
• Cheating including copying from others’ work.
• Plagiarism: representing another person’s words or ideas as your own; failure to properly cite the source of your information, argument, or concepts.
• Falsification of documents.
• Disclosure of test or other assignment content to another student.
• Submission of the same paper or other assignment to more than one class without the explicit approval of all faculty members involved.
• Unauthorized academic collaboration with others.
• Conspiracy to engage in academic misconduct.

Engaging in these behaviors or supporting others who do so will result in academic penalties and/or sanctions. If a faculty member determines that a student violated our Academic Integrity Policy, sanctions ranging from resubmission of work to course failure may occur, including the possibility of receiving a grade of “XF” for the course, which will be on the student’s transcript with the notation “Failure due to academic misconduct.” For more details please refer to the University’s Academic Integrity Policy: http://www.usm.edu/institutional-policies-acaf-pro-012. Note that repeated acts of academic misconduct will lead to expulsion from the USM.

CLASS SCHEDULE

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Nov. 9          Chapter Twelve       Text
Nov. 16         RESEARCH PAPER DUE
Chapter Thirteen Text
Nov. 23         THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS
Nov. 30         FINAL EXAM (6:30 pm – 9:15 pm)
Dec. 8          COMMENCEMENT

****NOTE: The Instructor reserves the right to amend the class syllabus at any time. Students will be notified via email of any changes to the class schedule.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 23      Last day to add/drop full term classes without academic or financial penalty.
August 23      Last day to drop full term classes without a grade of “W.”
September 4    Labor Day Holiday
October 19-20  Fall Break
October 27     Last day to withdraw from full term classes with grade of “W.”
November 11    Last day to file application for degree for Spring 2018 Commencement without a fee.
November 22-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
November 29    Last day of class/ final exam review
December 4-7   Final Exams
December 13    Grades available for review in SOAR