Instructor:
Office/Office Hours:
Phone:
Email:
Classroom & Times:
Course Credit: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
A study of the principles of crime scene investigation. Topics include scene assessment, photography, diagramming, evidence collection, processing of evidence, crime scene preservation, and the presentation of the evidence into a court of law. Prerequisites: DSPR 0700, DSPW 0700 or equivalent skills.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Each trainee, upon successful completion of this course, will:
1. Ascertain information from witnesses and first responding officers as to what happened.
2. Visually walk-thru and assess evidence found at the scene.
3. Document evidence through photography.
5. Conduct the collection of evidence and the processing of the evidence collected.

TEXTBOOK:

Disclaimer: Textbooks frequently change editions, so please be sure to check with the school bookstore to verify the current ISBN of the textbook before purchasing the textbook.

GRADE POLICY:
The final grade will be a combination of two exams.

GRADE SCALE:

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REQUIRED STUDENT ACTIVITIES:
1. Attendance of classroom lectures, classroom participation.
2. Successful completion of directed practicum
3. Read the text and selected works.
4. Complete all project work.
ATTENDANCE POLICY:
A student is expected to attend all scheduled classes. Students must be present at the time roll is called in order to be counted present. Students who are absent, and wish to be excused for those absences, must provide written documentation supporting their non-attendance. 10% of unexcused absences will result in a letter grade demotion. Students who violate the attendance policy will be given a final grade of “FA” (failure, attendance-related) or “FN” (failure, never attended class).

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:
Any form of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarizing, or other academic misconduct is prohibited. Plagiarism may result from (1) failing to cite quotations and borrowed ideas, (2) failing to enclose borrowed language in quotation marks, and (3) failing to put summaries and paraphrases in your own words. Academic dishonesty may be defined as, but is not limited to, intentionally trying to deceive by:

- claiming credit for the work of another person, using information from a web page or source without citing the reference.
- fraudulently using someone else’s work on an exam, paper, or assignment.
- recycling your own work from another course.
- attempting to obtain exams/materials/assignments in advance of the date of administration by the instructor.
- impersonating someone else in a testing situation.
- providing confidential test information to someone else.
- submitting the same assignment in two different classes without requesting both instructors’ permission.
- allowing someone else to copy or use your work.
- using someone else’s work to complete your own.
- altering documents, transcripts or grades.
- forging a faculty/staff member’s signature.

In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed through regular college procedures as a result of academic dishonesty, the instructor has the authority to assign an F or a Zero for the exercise, paper, or examination, or to assign an F for the course.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) STATEMENT:
Nashville State Technical Community College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you wish to request any accommodation(s) for this class, please notify the instructor as soon as possible. Students should not be given special accommodations in the classroom unless an accommodation form from Student Disability Services is completed and distributed to the faculty member.

- Student Disabilities Coordinator: Katie Watts (615) 353-3721 Office: S-114

Classroom Conduct Policy:
Nashville State has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT IN THE CLASSROOM.

- The instructor has primary responsibility for control over classroom behavior and maintenance of academic integrity.
- He/she can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct, or conduct which violates the general rules and regulations of the College.
- Disruptive behavior in the classroom that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment is defined as:
  - Offensive language
  - Harassment of students or professors
  - Repeated outbursts from a student which disrupt the flow of instruction or prevent concentration on the subject taught
  - Failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum
  - Continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others;
    - Beepers
    - Cell phones
    - Palm pilots
    - Lap-top computers
    - Games

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• Students who are removed from class for disruptive behavior will not be allowed to return until the issue is resolved.

Additionally, no eating in the classroom is allowed; no wearing of sunglasses is allowed in class, except in cases prescribed by a physician; sleeping or lounging in class is considered disruptive behavior and grounds for immediate dismissal.

**NOTE:**
_This syllabus is a master syllabus. Specific course requirements are subject to revision at the discretion of the individual instructor. A course syllabus will be provided the first day of class._