PST 2045 INTRO TO CRIMINALISTICS  
NASHVILLE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
POLICE SCIENCE

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

TEXTBOOK:  
TBA

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.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:  
A study of the scientific evaluation of physical evidence in the crime lab; firearms examination, comparative micrography, toxicology, serology, polygraph, and microanalysis of hair, fiber, paint, and glass; and legal photography applications.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:  
Each trainee, upon successful completion of this course, will:  
1. Identify physical evidence and how to care for it.  
2. Define Forensic serology.  
3. Illustrate DNA as a new forensic science tool.  
4. Demonstrate an understanding of fingerprints.  
5. Identify firearms, tool marks, and other impressions.

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

**STUDENT CLASSROOM CONDUCT:**
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 professor, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupts the flow of instruction or prevents concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, and/or continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others – beepers, cell phones, palm pilots, laptop games, or games. Students who are removed from class for disruptive behavior will not be allowed to return until the issue is resolved.

**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

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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

- 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.