

CCJS 320 - Sections 0101, 0201, 0301

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CRIME LABORATORY: 2401 Marie Mount Hall ****No open toe shoes or sandals are to be worn in the lab.***

MOCK CRIME SCENE FACILITY: 0406 Marie Mount Hall

OFFICE HOURS: Mondays - 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM and by appointment.

Welcome to CCJS 320, Introduction to Criminalistics, a blended learning formatted course. We are using an all-new etextbook written by your instructor, Tom Mauriello, that integrates all the content of this course into one neat learning package. It is entitled, "Introduction to Criminalistics - From Crime Scene to Court Room," published by Great River Learning. It is suggested that you purchase this etextbook software as soon as possible. See below for details on how to purchase it. Please read the following very carefully to ensure you are aware of all your responsibilities as a student in this class.

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES: Welcome to CCJS 320! It is a *flipped* classroom, *blended learning (BL)*, *hybrid* formatted course. The course takes a strategic look at the scientific methods used in the investigation, detection, and solution of a crime.

As a class, we explore all the vital phases of the criminal investigation process and forensic sciences (Criminalistics) from the *crime scene* to the *courtroom*.

Each week you will experience a combination of video lectures, written content, federal standards, guest interviews from my webcast TV series, video clips from TV documentaries and other learning events, in-module activity exercises to test your knowledge as you go along, case studies, mock hearing exercises, and homework activities that give you an opportunity to demonstrate your grasp of the material presented, most of which you will complete outside the crime laboratory at your convenience.

On each Monday during your scheduled class section time period, you will be in the Crime Laboratory engaged in hands-on activities, case studies, processing of your assigned mock crime scene and its related evidence, and the opportunity to learn from visiting guests speakers who are experts in their respective fields.


The class is divided into three sections with 24 students in each section: CCJS 320 0101, 0201, and 0301.

2. COURSE "VIDEO LECTURE" [VL] ASSIGNMENTS: The lectures for each of the 11 modules of study have been recorded and are contained in the etextbook. The time duration for each of the sub-module video lectures is anywhere from 3 to 35 minutes in length. The video content includes Professor Mauriello lecturing on-camera, as well as his accompanying PowerPoint slides and other A/V presentations.

3. COURSE REQUIRED "READING" ASSIGNMENTS: All reading assignments are integrated with the new etextbook.

4. WEBCAST VIEWING ASSIGNMENTS: Some of the modules have episodes to view from Professor Mauriello's webcast TV show, ForensicWeek.com. [Check here \(Links to an external site.\)](#) for more on this show hosted by Professor Mauriello.

5. ONLINE QUIZZES: There is NO mid-term or final examination in this course. The 11-course modules of study each have a quiz at the end of each module that is posted and administered online. A specific window of time for you to complete these quizzes will be listed. Quizzes can only be taken during the listed period of time. Times may change or be adjusted during the semester, so students should always check in the etextbook calendar or ask your TA.

6. REQUIRED BOOKS: eTextbook - *Introduction to Criminalistics - From Crime Scene to Court Room,* author Thomas P. Mauriello, ISBN#: 9781680754469. **(Electronic ONLY)**. You can purchase the access card for the etextbook at the MD Book Store, or purchase it online direct from the publisher, Great River Learning. [Click here to register and purchase online \(Links to an external site.\)](#). If you are having any difficulty click on this pdf document for step by step instruction on how to register. [registrationdoc \(1\).pdf](#) 

Make sure when you register for the etextbook, that you register yourself in your correct section.

Workbook Course Packet - The course packet must be purchased at the University of Maryland, Marie Mount Copy Center, 0108 Marie Mount Hall, 301-314-2679. This packet contains all of the homework assignments and in-lab exercises. **YOU MUST BRING THIS WORKBOOK TO ALL LAB CLASSES.**

7. EVALUATION and GRADING SYSTEM:

15% Laboratory Attendance:*

25% Laboratory and written Exercises:

30% Quizzes:*

10% Textbook Activity Exercises

20% CSI Team Report:

* Video lectures and Reading assignments scheduled in the etextbook calendar including the associated quizzes, must be completed prior to attending the corresponding content laboratory session. Students who have NOT taken the quiz scheduled prior to a Monday laboratory session will NOT be allowed to attend or participate in that laboratory session. That would result in losing lab attendance and lab exercise credit for that lab class.

8. LABORATORY ASSIGNMENTS and SCHEDULING:*

Attendance is required during scheduled laboratory sessions. Registered students in all three sections will attend laboratory class on their regularly scheduled time period. Section TAs will always be available in the lab during these scheduled class times. See "Laboratory Attendance" in the Assignment tab and course Calendar.

*Students are required to attend their assigned laboratory session throughout the semester. If a circumstance arises when a student is unable to attend their scheduled lab but could attend one of the other two sessions, then the student must make that request by coordinating with their TA and in turn, the TA will advise the student if they can attend another session. The CCJS 320 sections are scheduled as follows:

0101 - 11:00 A.M to 1:45 PM

0201 - 2:30 P.M. to 5:15 PM

0301 - 6:00 P.M. to 8:45 PM

9. TEACHING ASSISTANT:

0101 Grace Hong - ghong@terpmail.umd.edu - 240-899-8953

0102 Kelley Gaghan - Kelley.gaghan@yahoo.com - 860-657-6706

0103 Fifi Nguyen - fifi7991@yahoo.com - 240-505-3378

10. CRIME LAB KITS: A Crime Lab Kit is signed out to each CCJS 320 student during the first lab session. The kit contains the necessary expendable materials and analysis tools needed to complete certain homework assignments during the semester. At the end of the semester, the kits MUST be returned no later than the last lab class.

CONTENT

First class - January 28, 2019 - Obtain etextbook and workbook - Fill out Student Information Sheet - Obtain Lab Kit

Module #1 - Introduction - Jan. 29 - Feb. 4, 2019 - NO LAB CLASS on Feb. 4th - All work done online

Module #2 - Quality and Usefulness of Evidence - Feb. 5 - 11, 2019

Module #3 - Crime Scene and Preservation of Physical Evidence - Feb. 12 - 18, 2019

Murder/Arson Case Study and Mock Hearing - Feb. 19 - 25, 2019

Module #11 - Death Investigation - Feb. 26 - Mar. 4, 2019

Module #4 - Fingerprints - Mar. 5 - 11, 2019.

Spring Break - Mar. 17 - 24, 2019 - NO lab class on Mar. 18, 2019

Module #7 - Forensic Hypnosis - Mar. 12 - 25, 2019

Module #5 - Toolmarks and Impressions Mar. 26 - Apr. 1, 2019

Module #6 - Firearm Identification and Ballistics - Apr. 2 - 8, 2019

Module #8 - Transfer and Trace Evidence - Apr. 9 - 15, 2019

Module #9 - Questioned Documents - Apr. 16 - 22, 2019

Module #10 - Polygraph - Apr. 23 - 29, 2019

Mock Crime Scene Final Presentation Prep - Apr. 30 - May 12, 2019

Crime Scene Team Presentations (Last Day of Class) - May 13, 2019