CCJS 320 BL - Sections BL01, BL02, and BL03
Fall 2017

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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 11:30 AM and by appointment.

*IMPORTANT NOTICE TO STUDENTS

Beginning this semester, we will be using an all new etextbook written by your instructor, Tom Mauriello, that integrates all the content for this course into one neat learning package. It is entitled, "Introduction to Criminalistics - From Crime Scene to Court Room," published by Green River Learning. You will purchase this software as soon as possible. See below for details on how to purchase it. Please read the following very carefully and watch this video to ensure you are aware of all your responsibilities as a student in this class.

Course Introduction

Welcome CCJS 320 Student, I am looking forward to meeting you during our first laboratory class on September 11th. Meanwhile, complete the activities in this "Course Introduction"
module by the first Monday of the semester, August 28th. I suggest you do it in sequential order, so just click the NEXT button located at the bottom right of the screen. The video lecture that is next will give you complete details on the course. PLEASE VIEW IT IN IT'S ENTIRETY!

Learning content and assignments are scheduled for each week. Unless told otherwise, we will begin with Module 1 and progress through the 11 modules. The modules are not always assigned in order so please pay attention to what module we are working on each week. During the semester, If you are not sure what assignments are due or when you are expected to be in the Crime Laboratory located in Marie Mount Hall, just refer to the course calendar.

I am looking forward to an exciting semester. If you ever need to contact me, please feel free to use any of my following contact information:

Tom Mauriello

tmauriel@umd.edu

301-219-1492 (cell) best phone number to contact me

Crime Laboratory - 2401 Marie Mount Hall

301-405-4722 (lab) only there during lab periods

www.forensiqinc.com (Links to an external site.) (business website)

www.forensicweek.com (Links to an external site.) (webcast show)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE QUIZZES THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER - After you take each quiz, you will immediately know your score and which questions you got wrong. Correct answers for those you got wrong will not be available for viewing until Monday evenings at 9:00 PM. At that time you will be able to access the correct answers for the following 24 hour period. In the event you disagree with the listed correct answer please just wait to the next laboratory class and we will discuss any questions that needs to be evaluated. DO NOT send emails to me in this regard, because students are taking the quizzes right up to the time of their laboratory class.

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

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 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 BL01, BL02, and BL03.

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 in 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 "Reading Assignment" quiz and a "Video Lecture" quiz that 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 here in Canvas 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

Workbook Course Packet - This 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% Participation Exercises

20% CSI Team Report:

* Video lectures and Reading assignments scheduled in the Canvas 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 BL sections are scheduled as follows:

BL01 - 11:00 A.M to 1:45 PM
BL02 - 2:30 P.M. to 5:15 PM
BL03 - 6:00 P.M. to 8:45 PM

9. **TEACHING ASSISTANTS:**

BL01 - Erica Chukwu - ericachukwu@gmail.com - 240-418-7559
BL02 - Paige Foley - paigemadisonfoley@gmail.com - 858-997-4140
BL03 - Sophia Wathen - snwathen@gmail.com - 301-276-1140
10. **CRIME LAB KITS:** A Crime Lab Kit is signed out to each CCJS 320BL 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.

11. **GUEST LECTURERS**
- Beau Moulden (Firearms Expert)
- Gene Clayton (Firearms Expert)
- Jeff Johnson (Firearms and Polygraph Expert).

12. **UNIVERSITY REGULATION, GUIDELINES and Policies:** [Click here.](#)

**MODULES**

Introduction - Review no later than Aug. 28, 2017
Module #1 - History of Criminalistics & Role of the Crime Lab - Aug. 29 to Sept. 4, 2017
Module #2 - Quality and Usefulness of Evidence - Sept. 5-11, 2017
Module #3 - Crime Scene and Preservation of Physical Evidence - Sept. 12-18, 2017
Module #11 - Death Investigation - Sept. 26 to Oct. 2, 2017
Module #4 - Fingerprints - Oct. 3-9, 2017
Module #5 - Toolmarks and Impressions - Oct. 10-16, 2017
Module #7 - Forensic Hypnosis - Oct. 17-23, 2017
Module #8 - Transfer and Trace Evidence - Oct. 24-30, 2017
Module #6 - Firearm Identification and Ballistics - Oct. 31 to Nov. 7, 2017
Module #9 - Questioned Documents - Nov. 14-20, 2017
Module #10 - Polygraph - Nov. 21-27, 2017
Mock Crime Scene Case Team Presentations - Dec. 11, 2017 (Final Class Day)