

**Syllabus**  
**CRIJ 2314, Criminal Investigation (3-0-3)**  
**ON-LINE REVISION**

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**Course Description:**

Investigative theory; collection and preservation of evidence; sources of information; interviews and interrogation; uses of forensic science; case and trial preparation.

**Student learning outcome:**

At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Discuss the fundamentals of criminal investigation.
2. Describe the steps necessary to process a crime scene.
3. Describe the investigative process that includes documentation, search and seizure, identification of suspects, undercover operations, the arrest process, interviews and interrogations, and informant management.
4. Understand the investigative process regarding crimes involving crimes against persons (such as homicide, robbery, assault, and sexual assault).
5. Understand the investigative process regarding crimes involving property (crimes against property such as burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson).
6. Discuss the investigator's role in the prosecution of criminal offenses.

**TEXTBOOK NOTE: The textbook is an important asset and will enhance your learning the subject and is strongly recommended, however, it is not required to complete the class.**

***O'Hara's Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation, Eighth Edition***, DeVere D. Woods, Charles C. Thomas Publisher, Springfield, Ill., ISBN 978-0-398-08845-3 (Hard Cover), ISBN 978—0-398-08846-0 (e-book), [www.ccthomas.com](http://www.ccthomas.com)

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**Important note on Quizzes.** All Chapter Review Quizzes are taken from the Chapter PowerPoints and the Discussion page. Both are on Canvas. If you do not have the book that's OK, you can still do fine on the quizzes.

All quizzes are on-line in Canvas and each quiz is worth 50 points.

**Week One:** Review Chapter 1, Methods of Investigation.

***Complete Chapter 1 Review Quiz***

**Week Two:** Review Chapter 2, The Investigative Report  
Review Chapters 3, Crime Scene Procedures

***Complete Chapter 2 & 3 Review Quiz***

**Week Three:** Review Chapter 4, Fingerprints  
Review Chapter 5, Impressions, Trace Evidence and Firearms  
Review Chapter 6, Care of Evidence

***Complete Chapters 4,5, & 6 Review Quiz***

**Week Four:** ***Report on Fingerprint Identification due***

**Week Five:** Review Chapter 8, Interview and Interrogation  
Review Chapter 9, Sources of Information & Missing Persons.

***Complete Chapters 8 & 9 Review Quiz***

**Week Six:** ***You pick topic report due***

**Week Seven:** Review Chapter 11, Arson and Criminal Explosions  
Review Chapter 12, Larceny and Burglary

***Complete Chapters 11 & 12 review Quiz***

**Week Eight:** Review Chapter 14, Assaults and Robbery  
Review Chapter 15, Violent Death Investigation (murder and manslaughter)  
Review Chapter 18, The Investigator in Court

***Complete Chapters 14,15, & 18, FINAL Review Quiz***

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### **Grading:**

Total possible points quizzes and reports: 400

90-100%, 351 - 400 = A

80-89%, 312 to 350 = B

70-79%, 273 to 311 = C

60-69%, 234 to 272 = D

below 60% is failing

### **Reports:**

Each report will be two to three pages double spaced on four specific topics. At least two references must be cited at the end of each report in APA format. Each report is 50 points.

Topic One: Fingerprint Identification

Topic Two: You pick a criminal investigation topic of your interest

Reports must be submitted either through class Canvas e-mail or to [leow@grayson.edu](mailto:leow@grayson.edu) in either Word or PDF format.

See the detailed report instruction sheet for the additional details on the reports available in Canvas.

### **Class attendance:**

Class attendance is tied to turning in weekly assignments by or before the due dates.

### **Dropping Class:**

Be aware of the college's policies and timetables for dropping classes. The student is responsible to drop the class. Students failure to properly withdraw from the class will result in the grade of F for students that do not complete the course and fail to drop it.