

**CJSA 1342**  
**Criminal Investigation**  
**Western Texas College**

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Description: Investigative theory; collection and preservation of evidence; sources of information; interview and interrogation; uses of forensic sciences; case and trial preparation.
- B. Prerequisites: None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

- A. Define the goals and objectives of criminal investigation
- B. Demonstrate ability to conduct proper crime scene investigations
- C. Illustrate the use of forensic science for various statutory offenses
- D. Organize the criminal case including field notes, reports, crime scene activities, and mandatory documentation of statutory warning

III. Online Testing Requirements

- A. Course exams must be proctored by an approved testing organization. (Ask your instructor for more details.)
- B. Students are not allowed to use their book or notes of any kind while taking their proctored tests and exams.

IV. Major Course Requirements: The grade for this course will be determined as follows:

- A. Exams: 30%
- B. Assignments: 30%
- C. Quizzes: 25%
- D. Discussions: 15%
- E. Grading scale:
  - A= (90-100%)
  - B= (80-89%)
  - C= (70-79%)
  - D= (60-69%)

V. Information on Books and Other Course Materials

- A. Title: Criminal Investigation
- B. Authors: Karen M. Hess, Christine Hess Orthmann, Henry Lim Cho
- C. Edition: Eleventh
- D. Publisher: Cengage
- E. ISBN-13 [E-Textbook Only]: 9780357689431

VI. Other Policies, Procedures and important dates: Please refer to the WTC Course Catalog for the following:

- A. Campus Calendar
- B. Final exam schedule
- C. How to drop a class
- D. Withdrawal information
- E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
- F. Class Attendance
- G. Students with disabilities

### VII. Course Sequence & Content

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Week 1	<b>Course Overview</b> Chapter 1. Criminal Investigation: An Overview
Week 2	Chapter 2. Documenting the Crime Scene: Note Taking, Photographing, and Sketching <b>Quiz 1</b>
Week 3	Chapter 3. Writing Effective Reports <b>Quiz 2</b>
Week 4	Chapter 4. Searches <b>Discussion 1</b> <b>Assignment 1</b>
Week 5	Chapter 5. Forensics/Physical Evidence <b>Quiz 3</b>
Week 6	Chapter 6. Obtaining Information and Intelligence <b>Discussion 2</b>
Week 7	Chapter 7. Identifying and Arresting Suspects <b>Quiz 4</b>
Week 8	Chapter 8. Death Investigations <b>Mid-term Exam</b>
Week 9	Chapter 9. Assault, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Elder Abuse <b>Assignment 2</b>

Week 10	Chapter 10. Sex Offenses
Week 11	Chapter 12. Robbery Chapter 13. Burglary <b>Quiz 5</b>
Week 12	Chapter 14. Larceny/Theft, Fraud, and White-Collar Crime Chapter 15. Motor Vehicle Theft <b>Assignment 3</b>
Week 13	Chapter 16. Arson, Bombs, and Explosives Chapter 17. Computer Crime <b>Discussion 3</b>
Week 14	Chapter 18. A Dual Threat: Drug-Related Crime and Organized Crime Chapter 19. Criminal Activities of Gangs and Other Dangerous Groups <b>Quiz 6</b>
Week 15	Chapter 21. Preparing for and Presenting Cases in Court <b>Discussion 4</b> Course Review
Week 16	<b>Final Exam</b>

Disclaimer: Sequence & Content is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.