MidAmerica
Nazarene University
Criminal Justice

Criminal Forensics
Criminal Justice 4805
5 Credit Hours
Spring 2009

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Any other time by appointment

Class Day/Time: MWF; 1:00-1:50
Forensic Lab: MW 2:00-5:00.
Class Location: O-110

Course Description:
This course provides students with a general overview, a focused understanding, and a deep appreciation of the wide scope of forensic science. Students are provided the opportunity to participate in several hands-on learning experiences in a forensic laboratory setting.

Part of the goal for this course is to present material within a context which is consistent with MNU’s evangelical Christian values tradition.

Text: Crime Scene Investigation & Reconstruction; by Ogle, 2nd Ed. 2007.
Other resource material will be included in the lecture and lab presentations.

Evaluation Procedures:
A total of three examinations will be given covering class lectures, class discussions, audio visual presentations, and any additional assignments. Each test carries the same weight, including the final. The final is comprehensive, take-home.

For a make-up test, the student must provide a proper reason and make arrangements to take the test no later than 2 days following the date scheduled for that particular test. If the student does not notify the professor prior to the test, the instructor has the option of downgrading the test score. Extra credit is not an option.

Summary/reaction papers will be required after audio visual presentations. Summary/reaction papers combined will equate to one test score. Papers will be at least one page, with title & date of video, typed, double spaced, and due by the next class meeting. Students will lose one point for each day the paper is late. Videos missed cannot be made-up.
All summary/reaction papers will be submitted electronically via BlackBoard. Students will use *Word* format and attach the paper to BlackBoard. Any necessary corrections will be sent back to the student to complete.

**Lab Assignment:** Throughout the semester there will be a number of assignments that require hands-on application. Each assignment will be graded, and together equal 200 points.

In addition, there will be a final crime scene analysis that will be worth 400 points.

**Grades:** 300 points for exams, 200 points lab assignments, 100 points videos, 400 points crime scene.

**Academic Honesty:** Refer to the student handbook.

**Citizenship:** In order to enhance the classroom learning environment, students are expected to display appropriate levels of respect and courtesy. Unacceptable behavior and any classroom disruption will result in a deduction of overall percentage points.

**Special Needs:** Students needing special accommodations for this class should notify the professor during the first 2 weeks of the course.

**Test Dates:**
- *Friday, Feb. 20th*
- *Friday, March 27th*
- *Crime Scene; Friday, April 24th, Final analysis; Wednesday, April 29th.*
- *Final exam; Friday, May 1st, 10:00. Exam due no later than 12:00.*

**Absences:** Students will be allowed 3 unexcused absences before the last 2 weeks of the semester. A 4th unexcused absence will result in 4 percentage points being deducted from the overall average. Unexcused absences thereafter will result in at least 2 percentage points deducted.

During the last 2 weeks of the semester, the penalty doubles for any unexcused absence.

*My Prayer for Students...John 17:15*
Alignment of Mission, Objectives, and Outcomes
MidAmerica Nazarene University

Term: Spring 2009  Class: Criminal Forensics
Dept #: CRIM 4805  CRN: 50437
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Means of Assessment: Criminal Forensics Crime Scene Project checklist

University Mission Statement:
The University provides a wide variety of intellectual, social, and religious activities that serve a developmental function in students.
The ultimate goal is to develop broadly educated individuals with specific skill and career knowledge related to a potential field of work.

Related Division Mission:
The Division of Behavioral Sciences educates and develops students to be competent in academic disciplines focused on understanding human behavior, mental processes, social functioning and the institutional structures of society.

Course Objectives:
Have a firm grasp of the knowledge base, methods of inquiry, and scientific development within the academic discipline of Criminal Justice

Intended Educational (Student) Outcome or State Standards:
Demonstrate basic knowledge and skills in understanding and investigating criminal behavior in the context of American society.

Means of Assessment:
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