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# **ADJ 236**

## **Principles of Criminal Investigation**

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Prerequisites: None**

**Course Description:**

**Surveys the fundamentals of criminal investigation procedures and techniques. Examines crime scene search, collecting, handling and preserving of evidence.**

**Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3**

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# **ADJ 236: Criminal Investigation**

## **Course Outcomes:**

**At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

- **Document a crime scene**
- **Prepare well-written crime reports**
- **Conduct searches and prepare sketches of the crime scene**
- **Understand the procedure for death investigations**
- **Be familiar with investigations involving violent crime**
- **Know the procedure for investigating property crimes**
- **Recognize gang activity**
- **Comprehend the negative effects of drug use**
- **Know the basics of organized crime**
- **Understand the complex nature of Homeland Security**

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# ADJ 236: Principles of Criminal Investigation

## Required Materials:

1. Internet access
2. Blackboard
3. Textbook

## Textbook:

***Criminal Investigation, 11<sup>th</sup> edition***

**Author: Hess and Orthmann**

**ISBN# 978-130-575-9121**

**The following supplementary materials are available: None**

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## **Topical Description:**

- **Overview of Criminal Investigations**
- **Crime Scene**
- **Effective Report Writing**
- **Searches and Sketches**
- **Forensics**
- **Identifying and Arresting Suspects**
- **Death Investigations**
- **Assault, Domestic Violence, Stalking and Elder Abuse**
- **Sex Offenses**
- **Crimes against Children**
- **Property Crimes**
- **Arson, Bombs and Explosions**
- **Computer Crimes**
- **Drug Crimes**
- **Organized Crime**
- **Gangs**
- **Homeland Security**
- **Testifying in Court**

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