

Eastern Wyoming College  
Criminal Justice 2550 (CRMJ 2550)  
**Criminal Investigation I**

Fall Semester 2012  
08/28/12 through 12/14/12  
On-line  
3 Credits

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**Catalog Description:**

The study of various crimes and investigative techniques from the initial report through the final disposition of the case.

**Rationale:**

Criminal Investigation I (CRMJ 2550) is a core class needed to prepare the student for a career in law enforcement. This is a required course for the Criminal Justice A.A. and A.A.S. degree.

**Course Objective:**

To provide the student with a practical view of the criminal investigative process through the study of various crimes and the application of techniques and procedures.

**Book:**

Swanson, Charles R., Chamelin, Neil C., Territo, Leonard, Taylor, Robert W., *Criminal Investigation Eleventh Edition*. 2012. NY, NY. McGraw-Hill.

**Course Outline:**

The textbook is divided into six general areas-- Introduction to Investigation, The Investigative Process, Crimes against Persons, Crimes against Property, Drugs, Terrorism and Homeland Security, The Trial Process.

<u>Week/Unit</u>	<u>Topic</u>
One.....	Introductions and overview of Criminal Investigation
Two.....	Legal Aspects of Criminal Investigation
Three.....	Investigators, Investigative Process, Crime Scene
Four.....	Physical Evidence
Five.....	Interviewing and Interrogation
Six.....	Field Notes and Reporting, Followup Investigation, Investigative Resources, Crime Lab
Seven.....	<i>Midterm Exam</i> , Crime Scene Reconstruction

Eight.....	Injury and Death Investigations
Nine.....	Sex Offenses, Crimes against Children
Ten.....	Robbery, Burglary
Eleven.....	Larceny, Vehicle Theft
Twelve.....	Computer, Agriculture, Wildlife and Environmental Crimes
Thirteen.....	Arson, Explosives and Terror
Fourteen.....	Drugs
Fifteen.....	The Trial Process and the Investigator
Sixteen.....	Final

Grading and attendance

Exam One.....	100 points
Midterm.....	100 points
Exam Three.....	100 points
Final.....	100 points
Assignments and participation.....	100 points

500-450 points.....	A
449-400 points.....	B
399-350 points.....	C
349-300 points.....	D
299 or less points.....	F

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

- **Communication Skills:** Graduates will be able to understand and communicate ideas and information in written and spoken English that reveals a mastery of terminology appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Analytical and Quantitative Reasoning:** Graduates will be able to solve problems through critical thinking involving analytical and quantitative reasoning at a level appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Technology Skills:** Graduates will be able to demonstrate competence using technology appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Social Awareness:** Graduates will be able to demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between the individual and the world.
- **Information Literacy:** Graduates will be able to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively.

**ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT**

- **ADA Accommodations:**  
Eastern Wyoming College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If a student has a disability and desires a reasonable accommodation for such disability, the student should contact Mrs. Debra Ochsner (532-8238) or Mr. Tom McDowell (532-8330) as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made.

**DISCLAIMER STATEMENT**

- The instructor reserves the right, acting within the policies and procedures of EWC, to make changes in the course schedule or activities. All changes will be announced in class.