

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE NAME: Forensic Science

COURSE #: CJS* 225

DESCRIPTION: 3 Semester Hours

Collection, identification, preservation, and transportation of physical evidence; crime laboratory capability and limitations; examination of physical evidence within the resources of the investigator; demonstration of laboratory techniques to the extent supported by available facilities.

Prerequisite/Co-requisite: ENG* 063 and ENG* 073

Goals: To solve mock criminal cases through the use of forensic science. Students will learn how to process a crime scene through the collection and scientific analysis of evidence, that will include footwear impressions, questioned documents, firearms and serology, as well as analysis of pattern evidence.

Outcomes: At the completion of the course the student should be able to:

- Develop a knowledge of the techniques required by law enforcement officers to process criminal evidence in accordance with legal and police laboratory requirements
- Foster an awareness of the importance of the police laboratory in criminal investigations
- Create an ability to recognize, collect, preserve and evaluate both physical and chemical evidence
- Show the scientific and probative value of physical evidence

College Policies

Plagiarism: Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanction. Please refer to your “Student Handbook” under “Policy on Student Rights,” the Section entitled “Student Discipline,” or the College catalog for additional information.

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