



Coastal Bend COLLEGE

Administrative Master Syllabus Cover Sheet

Purpose: The Administrative Master Syllabus provides a general course description, defines the required elements of the course, and establishes a faculty-driven foundation for course assessment to ensure continuous improvement in student learning, irrespective of the course timeframe, or mode of course delivery.

Course Title:

Course Prefix and Number:

THECB Approval Number (10 digit):

Department: Division:

Course Type: (check only one)

- Academic General Education Course (From ACGM but not a CBC Core Course)
- Academic CBC Core Course
- WECM Course (Special Topics or Unique Needs Course: Y or N)

Weekly Contact Hours (Lecture – Lab – External): - -

Course Catalog Description:

Introduction to the field of criminalistics. Topics include the application of scientific and technical methods in the investigation of crime including location, identification, and handling of evidence for scientific analysis.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites:

None Required

Approval: The contents of this document have been reviewed and are found to be accurate.

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Master Course Syllabus

Course Name: CJSA 1308 Criminalistics I

Course Description: Introduction to the field of criminalistics. Topics include the application of scientific and technical methods in the investigation of crime including location, identification, and handling of evidence for scientific analysis.

Semester Hour Credit: 3

Lecture Hrs. per Week/Lab Hrs. per Week/External Hrs. per Week: 3/0/0

Curriculum Capacity:

Face-to-Face Lab
Online Lab
Face-to-Face Lecture
Online: 30
Virtual Face-to-Face
Interactive video (multi-locations)
Hybrid
Clinical

Recommended enrollment threshold:

Face-to-Face Lab
Online Lab
Face-to-Face Lecture
Online: 8
Virtual Face-to-Face
Interactive video (multi-locations)
Hybrid
Clinical

Textbook and/or other major required readings:

Title: Forensic Science: From the Crime Scene to the Crime Lab
Author: Saferstein
Publisher: Pearson Publishing
Edition: 4th

ISBN: *This course utilizes an inclusive access whereby the student is provided a link to access the eBook. Further information will be provided by instructor.

The Student Learning Outcomes for the course are the same regardless of modality or location.

**Course Outcomes
(WECM or LDACGM)**

Student Learning Outcomes – Subject Matter Specific (SLOS):

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Describe the care required in identifying, collecting, and preserving evidence for scientific examination.
2. Explain the significance of field and laboratory findings.

The following general education course competencies (TGE) or Marketable SCAN Skills (CTE/NAH) are addressed in this course: General education course competencies (TGE) or Marketable SCAN Skills (CTE/NAH) assessed are indicated with an asterisk *.

Student Learning Outcomes – Marketable SCAN Skills (SLOM):

Notation: Asterisk items are part of the Forensic Science programs' annual assessment of Student Learning

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. *Indicate critical thinking skills by utilizing logic and reasoning in discussions on the significance of field and laboratory findings in relation to the overall success of a case conclusion.
2. *Present effective written communications outlining the chain of custody process from detecting evidence, through processes of collecting, preserving, and submitting for testing.
3. Employ complex problem-solving skills to reflect an understanding of foundational court decisions pertaining to the evidence process and their effect on today's standards.
4. *Recognize the scientific reasoning for the handling processes of various types of evidence.
5. *Demonstrate judgement and decision-making skills in identifying options, solutions, and potential consequences for various examination procedures within various categories of evidence.
6. Identify procedures appropriate for the situation and environment using learned strategies when approaching a new crime scene.

The following program student learning outcome are assessed for this course:

Program Level (PLO)(as related to this course)

This course provides instructional elements in partial requirements to the following:

1. Demonstrate the ability to process a crime scene pursuant to evidentiary standards with emphasis on collecting, packaging, chain of custody, and evidence control.
2. Provide detailed reporting documents and related legal procedural forms as related to the forensic science of crime scene investigation and analysis.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of relevant equipment, policies, procedures, and strategies to promote effective local, state, or national security and safety operations for the protection of people, data, property, and institutions.

4. Apply the history and basic theory of crime scene investigation (e.g. Locard's Theory, use of evidence, defining a crime scene) using relevant and current literature in review of methodologies and validation studies (e.g. documentation, search, enhancement, collection, packaging, preservation).

Evaluation Methods:

| Activity Types | SLOS | SLOM | PLO | Weights (%) |
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| Introductory quiz and/or introductory access to Blackboard or 3 rd party platform | | | | 3 |
| Periodic quizzes and/or Mid-term assessments | 1 | 4, 6 | 3 | 47.0 |
| In-Class activities and/or discussions | 2 | 1, 3 | 4 | 15.0 |
| Mock Simulation assignments, participation, and/or paper submission | 1 | 2, 5 | 1, 2 | 20.0 |
| Final Assessment | 1 | 4, 6 | 3, 4 | 15.0 |
| Total: | | | | 100% |

Instructor should remain in relevant range of stated weights

Course Grading: Please see individualized instructor policies for course evaluation methods. Students will be assessed on the same measure across each discipline as per CBC guidelines.

Major Course Assignments and/or exams counting for at least 10% of a final course grade:

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| • Periodic quizzes and/or Mid-term assessments |
| • In-Class activities and/or discussions |
| • Mock Simulation assignments, participation, and/or paper submission |
| • Final Assessment |

Grade Scale:

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| Final grades for all CRIJ/CJSA courses will be based in the following manner: A = 90% - 100% B = 80% - 89% C = 70% - 79% D = 60% - 69% F = 59% or Below |
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Course Subject Matter Outline:

| Material |
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| 1: Introduction to Criminalistics Application: Frye v. Daubert |
| 2: Securing and Searching the Crime Scene |
| 3: Recording the Crime Scene Application: Crime Scene Photography |

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| 4: Collection of Crime-Scene Evidence |
| Application: Minsey v. Arizona |
| 5: Physical Evidence |
| Application: Familial Searching |
| 6: Death Investigation |
| 7: Crime-Scene Reconstruction |
| Application: Fallacies in Reconstruction |
| 8: Forensic Biometrics |
| 9: Firearms, Tool Marks, Others |
| 10: Bloodstain Pattern Analysis |

Additional Course Requirements:

Students shall be provided a supplemental class document containing, but not limited to: instructor contact and availability information, including student guidance hours and class meeting times and locations, as well as, policies related to course grading, class attendance (both in-person and online), classroom policies, assignment/submission detailed due dates, late assignment provisions, and general information on the nature and calculations of required elements for testing and other assessments.

Class Attendance and Classroom Conduct Policies

Attendance Policy: Please see individualized instructor policies for attendance, which is pursuant to any related policy as outlined by the college handbook, financial aid agreements, or any other college related understanding (e.g. athletics, organizations).

Telephone Support: Toll Free: 866-722-2838 or Direct Line: 361-354-2508

I.T. Support Blackboard

<http://coastalbend.edu/it/>

IT Help Desk
1-361-354-2508

helpdesk@coastalbend.edu

Live Chat: Fall/Spring Hours: Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Summer Hours: Monday – Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tutoring Services: Coastal Bend College is committed to the academic success of all students enrolled at the college. A variety of services, including academic support, individual tutoring sessions, group tutoring sessions, and online tutoring, are available to students depending on the availability of tutors for the subject matter requested. All tutoring is provided at no cost to current CBC students who are currently enrolled at CBC. On-demand tutoring services are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the TutorMe platform, which may be accessed through your Blackboard account. To request a tutor, please complete the online tutor request form found at <http://www.coastalbend.edu/tutoring/> to submit

your request. If you have any questions about tutoring programs, you can contact to tutoring@coastalbend.edu.

| Beeville | Alice | Kingsville | Pleasanton |
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| 3800 Charco Road Beeville, TX 78102 1-866-722-2838 | 704 Coyote Trail Alice, TX 78332 1-866-891-2981 | 1814 Brahma Blvd. Kingsville, TX 78363 1-866-262-1615 | 1411 Bensdale Pleasanton, TX 78064 1-866-361-4222 |

Grady C. Hogue Learning Resource Center (Library): Located on the Beeville campus, the operation hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Summer semesters will observe the CBC campus operation hours) For locations and hours of the CBC library in Alice, Kingsville, and Pleasanton sites please visit the library web page link below.

Grady C. Hogue Learning Resource Center (Library): <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/about>

Financial Aid: Resources are available for students for financial aid, work study, and veteran benefits. For additional information, visit our website at <http://coastalbend.edu/finaid> or contact us at 361-354-2238. Office hours: Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADA Statement: No qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of the College District, or be subjected to discrimination by the College District. Nor shall the College District exclude or otherwise deny equal services, programs, or activities to an individual because of the known disability of an individual with whom the individual is known to have a relationship or association. 42 U.S.C. 12132; 28 CFR 35.130(g). See at: [GA \(Legal\)](#)

Students with Disabilities: Any student would like to request class accommodations, please complete the online request form by logging onto www.coastalbend.edu/disabilityservices/. Students who wish to request accommodations should submit documentation that: establishes a disability, details the current functional impact of that disability, confirms the need for each accommodation requested, establishes a direct link between the underlying disability and the requested accommodation. For more information, please contact the Office of Disability Services at disabilityservices@coastalbend.edu.

Scholastic Dishonesty: Each student is charged with notice and knowledge of the contents and provisions of Coastal Bend College's rules and regulations concerning student conduct. All students shall obey the law, show respect for properly constituted authority, and observe correct standards of conduct. Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by Coastal Bend College Policies FLB (Local) and FM (Local). Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. See at: [FLB \(Local\)](#) and [FM \(Local\)](#).

Use of E-mail for Official Correspondence to Students: All students should be familiar with the college's official email student notification policy. Students are expected to check their CBC email on a frequent and regular basis to stay current with college-related communications, recognizing that certain communications may be time-critical.

Copyright Law and Intellectual Property Rights Policy: Copyright is the right of an author, artist, composer or other creator of a work of authorship to control the use of his or her work by others. Protection extends to literary works, musical works, dramatic works, pantomimes and choreographic works, pictorial and graphic works, sculpture, motion pictures and other audiovisual works, sound recordings and architectural works. Generally speaking, a copyrighted work may not be reproduced by others without the copyright owner's permission. The public display or performance of copyrighted works is similarly restricted. Generally, the unauthorized reproduction, performance or distribution of a copyrighted work is copyright infringement and may subject the infringer to civil and criminal penalties. The Fair Use Doctrine outlines exceptions to this Law and is outlined in Coastal Bend College Policy, [CT \(Legal\)](#).

Coastal Bend College, its faculty, students and employees must comply with Copyright Law. Detailed information on Copyright Law and Intellectual Property Rights is available in Coastal Bend College Policy [CT \(Legal\)](#) and [CT \(Local\)](#).

Questions regarding this information should be directed to the Director of Library Services at: library@coastalbend.edu or the Office of Marketing and Public Relations at: socialmedia@coastalbend.edu.

Intellectual Property: Student /Third Party Works: Rights to copyrightable or patentable works created by a student or a third party, that is, not a College District employee, shall reside with the author/ creator. Detailed information on Copyright Law and Intellectual Property Rights is available in Coastal Bend College Policy [CT \(Legal\)](#) and [CT \(Local\)](#).

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NOTE: The College website (<http://coastalbend.edu>) serves as the main source with the most current version of the Coastal Bend College Board Policies and the Coastal Bend College Catalog.

Student success is our number one priority at Coastal Bend College and we realize that prompt, effective communication (such as emails, assignment feedback, discussion boards and announcements) plays a significant role in achieving that goal. It is vitally important that you have the proper contact information for your instructor. This should include their phone number, email address, and if applicable, their office number, and office hours. **Faculty schedules can be located online at <http://coastalbend.edu/hb2504/>** If you have any problems contacting your instructor, or do not receive a prompt response to your inquiries, please contact the Dean or Division Coordinator/Program Director as soon as possible. Their contact information is provided below:

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jarod Bleibdrey</i> <i>Dean of Career and Technical Education</i> <i>361-354-2339</i> <i>jbleibdrey@coastalbend.edu</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lisa C. Bowman-Bowen</i> <i>Public and Professional Services</i> <i>Coordinator</i> <i>(361) 664-2981 ext. 3005</i> <i>lbowman-bowen@coastalbend.edu</i></p> |
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We wish you all the best in your education and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Keeping student success in sight, faculty in each of the courses will review the course information, including specific reading schedules, assignments, and testing information, with students during the first week of class.

Additionally, the course information will be posted to Blackboard.

This master syllabus is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.