

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education and
Wellness, Legal and Protective Services

CMJS 2343 (Crime Scene Investigation)

Catalog Description:

A comprehensive study of the techniques and procedures used for approaching and protecting the crime scene, survey and documentation, collection of fragile and easily destroyed evidence, detailed search of the scene, package and initial evidence collected, process the scene for latent prints, maintain the chain-of-custody and transport or mail evidence. The legalities of crime scene searches and seizures, from the initial entry into crime scene to the presentation of the physical evidence in the courtroom.

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours:

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Course Outcomes:

- The student will identify legal issues surrounding the criteria establishing a particular crime and evidence needed to articulate the crime occurred.
- The student will describe the types and categories of evidence and how to properly document evidence from original location at the crime scene up to evidence being entered through testimony in court proceedings.
- The student will understand diverse backgrounds of individual detectives and how that background compliments an investigative team, while executing crime scene procedures as described in this course text and compared to actual implementation of the procedures from practical field applications.